



## HASLINGDEN HIGH SCHOOL

PTFA Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

### MINUTES

#### Apologies: Tina Ainsworth (Chairperson)

#### 1. Welcome and what we do.

Kate introduced herself as the secretary of the PTFA and Claire introduced herself as the treasurer. Kate welcomed all the parents, who then introduced themselves, and then gave a brief explanation of the PTFA and what we do.

#### 2. Year 7 settling in

Kate asked parents to give feedback on how students had settled into the new academic year – year 7 students in particular:

- Settling in evening – students are encouraged to attend with parents; however, this is not essential.
- Pleasing levels of feedback given to parents, especially through:
  - SIMS – Management system – parent section has been piloted. It was reported that not all parents have this. <sup>i</sup>
  - Facebook
  - Form tutors
- “Sensational” home / school communication. PRI and tutors have dealt with issues quickly. Parents are very impressed with very quick responses, even on Sundays (when responses weren’t necessarily expected).
- Good use of SMHW although 1 issue highlighted where the homework had been set on SMHW but the booklet not issued.
- Parent Pay continues to be incredibly useful; however, some parents queried whether they can limit their child’s spending.
- The Parent Scope section doesn’t show all the information parents would like it to, as it does in other schools.<sup>ii</sup>

#### 3. Treasurer’s Report

- Claire went through the income and expenditure from September, 2017 – August 2018.
- Total funds available were reported to be £10, 694.

- Kate thanked Claire for all her effort with the finances and especially with the 300 Club.

#### **4. Bids for funds**

- No bids made.
- Charlotte Brown (HHS Literacy co-ordinator) and Susan Baines (HHS Resource Centre Manager) attended the meeting to explain what they have used the £1000 they have recently received for:
  - Huge thanks for supporting the “Reading for Pleasure” initiative. The money has been spent on setting up an E-Book lending library which has allowed the literacy budget to be used to buy 600 new books as well as covering the costs for maintenance and repairs.
- The PTFA are continuing to support the library and literacy initiative by running a book donation appeal. Many thanks to parents who have already donated some. Books should be suitable for children and young people; however, Susan explained that any not needed or unsuitable would be donated to charity.
  - Claire discussed possible opportunities for people to drop off the books.
- Susan has very kindly invited the PTFA to hold our next meeting in the library so that we can see the work that has been done.

#### **5. Fizz and Bingo Night – 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- Kate and Claire discussed the forthcoming bingo night with offers of help and suggestions gratefully received.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for a 7.15/ 7.30 start
  - Helpers to arrive for 6.00-6.30pm
  - Bar open on arrival and throughout
  - Bingo games sold at 6 games for £5.
  - 3 games to be played with prizes for LINE and HOUSE
  - 30-45 minute interval with other games being played as desired, with various costs and prizes:
    - Pin the tie on the head
    - Play your cards right
    - Turkey Racing
    - Football cards

- Raffle
  - Final 3 games of bingo to be played
  - The other games can be continued afterwards if wanted.

## **6. Christmas Raffle**

- The Christmas Raffle is to be held this year, again using a paperless system and going through Parent Pay.<sup>iii</sup>
- Kate asked for donations for prizes for this. The following donations were immediately made and we are extremely grateful:
  - C. Brown – Free MOT
  - D. Clark – Superhero animation
  - V. Mann – Will ask for offers at Valley at Work
- All other donations should be brought into school and marked for the attention of Kate Sieg-Hogg

## **7. School Show – 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- Kate made an initial request for helpers and prizes for these (smaller) raffles.
- Please let Kate or Claire know if you can help out with refreshments or selling raffle tickets.

## **8. Election of Officers**

- The following proposals were elections were made:

### **Chair Person – Tina Ainsworth**

Proposed by Gillian Worthington

Seconded by Sarah Stansfield

### **Secretary – Kate Sieg-Hogg**

Proposed by Gillian Worthington

Seconded by Vicki Mann

### **Treasurer – Claire Smith**

Proposed by Kate Sieg-Hogg

Seconded by Lisa Mounfield

## 9. AOB

- Dates for the Diary: Family Quiz Night – 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019
- Some parents expressed concern over the X41 bus arriving at school late and students being issued with detentions. The 8.10am bus should get students to school in good time, however, it has been arriving at the end of registration on some occasions.<sup>iv</sup>
- Some parents are looking into the possibility of organising a private minibus through Rammy Taxis.

## DONM:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

## School Library

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### **Action to be taken**

<sup>i</sup> Kate to see Justin Roper to clarify whether all parents should have access to the parent section of SIMS.

<sup>ii</sup> Kate to contact Debbie Tod re. Parent Scope / Parent Pay.

<sup>iii</sup> Kate to see Debbie Tod re setting this up before the end of November

<sup>iv</sup> Mark to contact the bus company to see what the issue is.