



HASLINGDEN HIGH SCHOOL

PTFA Meeting 30th September, 2019

MINUTES

1. Welcome and what we do.

Kate Sieg-Hogg (teacher / secretary) introduced the PTFA and gave a brief explanation of what we do. Claire Smith (parent / treasurer) gave an overview of the different fundraising events and activities held throughout the year and how parents can help and support us.

2. Year 7 settling in

No major concerns from parents regarding year 7 settling in or any other year group returning. The following issues were discussed:

- Parents of some Year 11 students stated that their children enjoyed joining in on Year 7's first day.
- Like Edulink so far, especially as it shows who is allocating rewards, i.e. housepoints.
- It was felt that there is a lack of feedback from homework booklets and it not always indicating on Edulink whether students have handed the work in.
 - Kate will look into that as some parents wondered if there could be a time delay.
- DT homework booklet was far too long! A lot of long tasks
 - Kate Sieg-Hogg explained that she is currently acting head of the DT faculty so will report this back.
- Parents very much like the new 'Homework Highfliers' initiative. Parents were encouraged to follow the school Facebook page, as well as HHS PTFA

3. Treasurer's Report

- Claire went through the finances for last academic year:
 - i. Raised £5,529.06 (Highest amount so far!)
 - ii. Bids granted £3,134.00
 - iii. Total funds available £11,058.36 (-PE grant yet to be cashed £3,110.00)

- Kate thanked Claire for all her hard work in keeping the finances in such clear order.
- Both Claire and Kate thanked everybody who has supported the PTFA to allow us to have such healthy funds and still making some significant donations to whole school projects.

4. Bids for funds

Kate outlined the overall requirements for bids to be granted, *i.e. they must be accessible to every student within school, should they wish to do so.*

- **E. Wilson – National Finals Ski Competition Hoodies £80**
 - As other sporting teams have had to fund their own kits and travel arrangements, it was agreed to fund half the cost of these.
- **C. Haworth – Globes**
 - It was agreed that these would be nice to have in the classrooms, however, some discussion over whether these should come out of subject capitation.
 - Kate will ask Mrs Haworth, head of Geography, for a definitive cost.
- **R. Albiston – Storage for Pastoral Gardens £180**
 - This was fully supported.
- **Year 12/13 Art Students – Art equipment for Pastoral Gardens £150**
 - This was fully supported.
- **K. Giffard – KS3 Class readers**
 - Unfortunately, on this occasion it was decided not to fund this bid, however, we are happy to consider something else.
- **India Flavell (Head Girl) – Sound system £21.99**
 - A lot of discussion around this issue, both at the meeting and via e-mail. The main concern came from the Exams Officer who was concerned about the impact of the noise having on any exams being sat in the theatre.
 - Parents of Sixth Form students explained that from a social point of the view the Sixth Form does not match up to other local providers, although from an academic point of view we certainly do.

- Arrangements have already been made with Ms Marsland, Director of Sixth Form, to relocate the speakers in order to reduce disturbances.
- It was agreed to fund the sound system on the understanding the students worked alongside the Exams Officer.

5. Fundraising events

- **Fizz and Bingo**
 - i. 15th November
 - ii. £5 per book of 6 games
 - iii. Raffle
 - iv. Bar
 - v. Other games to play during an interval
- **Ladies' Evening**
 - i. Agreed in principal, however, further details and coordination would be needed.
 - ii. Kate to speak to K. Turner and A. Simpson who originally put forward the idea.
- **Dance Show –12th, 13th December**
- **Christmas Concert – 11th December**
 - i. Kate asked for volunteers to sell raffle tickets and refreshments.

Volunteer	Dates available
Kate Sieg-Hogg	All nights
Susan Briggs	All nights
Claire Smith	11 th December
Vicki Mann	All nights
Sam	All nights

- ii. Any other support will be gratefully appreciated – please contact ptfa@haslingdenhigh.com

6. Policies

Kate explained that we have had to update our policies and constitution. These have been made available on the school website and as hard copies at the school reception for people to view and comment on.

- All policies and constitution were agreed upon.
- Claire will send off the necessary information to the Charities Commission.

7. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

- Chair – **Tina Ainsworth** – Proposed by Kate Sieg-Hogg, seconded by Claire Smith
- Secretary – **Kate Sieg-Hogg** – Proposed by Lynsey Harris, seconded by Kate Flavell
- Treasurer – **Claire Smith** – Proposed by Samantha Woodend, seconded by Susan Briggs

8. AOB

- **Helmshore Recycling**
 - Samantha Woodend attended the meeting and told us that £103 had been raised so far for HHS PTFA through the recycling efforts of the entire community.
 - The PTFA are extremely grateful for this support and it was agreed that, as a school, more should be done to help raise funds through recycling.
 - The location of the collection points was discussed and whether it would be possible to obtain any more.
 - Kate said that she would ensure more messages went out to students, staff and parents.

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