

Minutes of Hagley Catholic High School PTA

Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017

ATTENDEES:

Chairman: Pete Harrington

Committee Members: Irene Brew, Gavin Buchannan, Antoinette Connolly, Annie Dunseith, Bob Horton, Lisa MacCourt, Nikki Moyles, Emma Randle, Julie Redden, David Teboul, Bernie Willson, Lisa Worrall.

Teachers/School: None in attendance.

Apologies : Carol Carew, Andre Thibault, Slava Elcock.

Copy Of Minutes to Patrick Hunt – To add to School Website & add next PTA meeting date to School Website please.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome

Pete welcomed all present. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Position Of Vice Chair

Pete mentioned to the Committee that he is due to have a hip operation in the near future, so he is looking for a volunteer to be Vice President of the PTA during his absence. Pete did approach Slavka about the role, however, Slavka's Mum is very poorly at present, so she would be unable to take on the role. David Teboul and Irene Brew agreed to cover the PTA meeting that Pete is unable to make.

PTA Bank Account

Pete, Irene & Annie recently met at the Nat West Bank in Stourbridge and signed the necessary papers. Pete has chased them and they will be sending him the PTA Bank Account Number, plus Paying In Book & Cheque Book by the end of this week.

Pete has been in touch with Mrs Jones at the school and she will be transferring any PTA money from the school to the account.

Once the account is up and running Pete will be able to organise his "Beard Shave and Haircut" and sponsorship funds from the Justgiving page can then go straight into the PTA account. Pete has close to £500 worth of sponsorship to date. Irene added that Pete could try and get more money via "Crowdfunding". Pete will organise an event to encompass his beard shave and haircut. Bob volunteered to video it. Local press could be made aware for local publicity. Pete will advise Mr Hammond and promote it on

the school website. A sponsorship form will be given to the Teacher Staffroom. A programme could be put together and parents' companies may wish to advertise.

Irene suggested that it could perhaps be tied in with the Music Department "Spring Concert" on Wednesday 10th May. Perhaps the PTA could be present and walk around with collection buckets? Pete to discuss further with Mr Mallinson.

Building Project - Toilets

Old block toilets.

A lot of money needs to be raised. Pete advised that much thought has been given to this project. He has been enquiring about high quality, childproof, vandalism proof equipment & fittings that will be very carefully planned, with a view to them lasting for many years to come. Pete suggested the possibility of fitting cameras in the corridors directly outside the toilets for evidence, should there be any damage in the newly refurbished toilets.

Pete has had a quote from one builder of £28,000. He is obtaining 2 or 3 other quotes.

It is likely to be a 12 month project and will very much depend on the money and as and when it is obtained.

Parents in attendance at this PTA meeting voiced many concerns about the current disgusting state of the toilets – about how their children are reluctant to use them. They don't want to have a drink in the daytime in case they need to go to the loo. They are holding out until they get home. Parents were concerned about the knock-on effect of bladder and bowel problems, bedwetting problems caused by holding on for too long etc. Pete asked PTA parents if they could put a letter together with their concerns, addressing them to Mr Hammond and he would take the matter up. Also the School Nurse could be approached for her support.

Refurbishment of the teachers toilets at the same time was also discussed. PTA attendees felt that the children's toilets should take priority. However, if we have teachers showing an interest in the PTA by being present at PTA meetings and some level of support and involvement in the PTA, then the teachers toilets could be taken into account.

Since the meetings began in January, no teachers have attended the PTA, which is unusual for a Parent Teachers Association. The PTA exists to raise funds to benefit the school, it's teachers and pupils.

A possible "Maintenance Grant" and other funding was discussed.

Pete advised that he had been in touch with George Mela, who had been a Governor of the school and was responsible for the development of some of the school buildings eg: the 6th form block and others.

Pete advised that Slava had passed some correspondence on to him from a, now retired, Headteacher from a school in Stafford, who had successfully raised half a million pounds in 3 months for refurbishment at her school.

Pete is arranging to meet with her to get her advice and learn from her experience. Bob said he would be happy to attend with Peter and Lisa said she may be able to make herself available too.

Pete advised that he had received a request from Mrs Morris for school computers. Pete advised her that once we have successfully refurbished the toilets, we will consider other school requests.

2. **GENERAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Future Events

Suggestions:

Antiques Fair, Barn Dance, Body Shop evening, Quiz Night, Race Night.

Target Mums, Dads & Grandparents.

Support From Deanery

Pete had a meeting with the Deanery and they are happy to help publicise PTA events and offer support where possible.

3. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Venue: "West One Bar" – Hagley Village.

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 @ 7pm