

Arnold Hill Academy PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 27 June 2017

6:30pm – 8pm A Block Conference Room – Arnold Hill Academy

Attendees:

Apologies

Debs Campion (Chair) Paul Drury (Deputy Chair) Charlotte Anderson (Treasurer) Jayne Gilmartin Sudha Vashisht Oliver Quail Brian Newson	Sarah Sewell Kath Terry Rosy Stocks Jenny McLaughlan
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Minute taker: Ashley Brown (**Secretary**)

Welcome and apologies

3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting on were accepted.

Matters arising

Action

6. PE Funding Requests – Brian requested £500 for 25 finger pulse heart rate monitors, including batteries, carry case and lanyards. The department were using strap monitors which were hard to put on due to the varying size of KS4 and KS5 students and were very fiddly. The new monitors could be used by every year group, easily and due to the new GCSE syllabus being more focused on creating graphs and monitoring, the department would be ready to use this equipment for these new exams.

Paul questioned if this equipment was needed for the new curriculum should the department automatically fund it?

Brian said that they did have the equipment now but it was difficult to use and it would make a lot of difference to the student's enjoyment of PE and ease of getting data if they had better equipment.

Oliver Quail requested £610 for 2 table tennis tables to replace the damaged tables. The department were very keen to give all students access to table tennis and was pushing this part of the curriculum. At the moment only KS4 students had access to table tennis and the new funding would make it available to the whole class. The new tables would also be used at the table tennis club on Mondays. The school have committed to have a coach to do training with staff and so they need the right amount of quality equipment. The price of the new tables was too much for the PE budget.

Paul said the only issue is a large amount of PTA funding would be going to one department when there are others that may need funding. He asked if the department would need the full amount of funding or could contribute towards buying the items.

<p>Mr Quail said the department could compromise by buying a reduced amount of monitors if it couldn't get all the funding.</p>	
<p>The funding was discussed put to a vote and agreed. The members present authorised full funding for the department. Ashley Brown will contact the Finance department to authorise the order and arrange payment.</p>	<p>Ashley Brown</p>
<p>4. Treasurer Update – Charlotte has purchased 3 medium cash boxes and 1 large for events. She has also set up the internet banking and has a card for the account which will be kept in the safe at school.</p>	
<p>5. Department Reps – Emma Meldrum and Gemma Poulter will need to be replaced as department reps and new reps recruited at the next meeting. Paul would be compiling the list and encouraging the reps to get in touch with their departments before the next meeting to see if the PTA could assist them in any way.</p>	<p>Paul Drury</p>
<p>7. Craft Fair - Deb Campion said previous stall holders will be contacted and the booking form will be on the website. The raffle was very successful last year and so the PTA agreed to spend about £400 on prizes this year. It was agreed to promote the raffle to students through assemblies and give the student in each year group who sells the most raffle tickets a prize of £20. Mr Miles said he will arrange for the choir to come in and do a couple of performances at the fair.</p>	<p>Deb Campion Sasha</p>
<p>8. Website – Updated with the Craft Fair information and booking forms.</p>	
<p>9. Jayne Gilmartin said volunteers were needed to promote the PTA at the Year 6 Parents' Evening. A PTA table would be set up near the uniform providers to help promote the PTA and recruit members. Jayne would make up a promotional flyer to be handed out on the evening. A physical presence would make the difference when asking parents if they would be interested in volunteering and getting their email contact details.</p>	<p>Jayne Gilmartin</p>
<p>Venue for the next meeting was discussed as there are problems with the accessibility of the conference room. Jayne said Mr Robertson was forging links with the reverend at St Marks Church, which did have a hall that we could possibly use. She would ask if it would be suitable and available for the meetings.</p>	<p>Jayne Gilmartin</p>
<p>Fashion show – It was decided to go ahead and book the fashion show in March 2018 but change the day to Friday evening. The entry price would be reduced to £1 and money would be raised by selling drinks and snacks. Ashley would rebook the event.</p>	<p>Ashley Brown</p>

Next Meeting: Thursday 21st September 2017 6.30pm-8pm, 6th Form Centre Arnold Hill Academy.