

MinMinutes of the LPGS PTA Meeting 27 February 2017, 7.30pm in the School Hall

Present:

Christine Stephen (Chair)	Anne Hudson (Head Teacher)	Tracey Currie
Rebecca Day (Governor),	Tina Cook	Inge lake
Sarah Burgess (Treasurer)	Lucy Gregory (Vice Chair)	Frances Sproule
Leslie Ann Phillips	Julie Sutton	
Lynda Smithson (Secretary)	Louise Whelan	Rahini Rathour
Alison Harrison	Inku Patel	Jane Lee-Davie

The meeting was chaired by Christine Stephen

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1	<p>Welcome and introductions Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Lawrence Lusani, Arnold Wawrzyniak, Claire Bougrine, Jeff Hebert</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the last meeting/ matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the last meeting (9th January 2017) were approved • Bingo: this was cancelled; only 37 tickets were sold; feedback from parents is on website and will be discussed at a later meeting • Y11 Prom (6 May): planning meeting was held pre-tonight's PTA meeting; letter will go to parents this week; tickets will go on sale w/c 6 March; need to secure ticket sales before ordering items • Summer market (25 June): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ stalls are £25 or £20 for LPGS parents; 31 stalls booked – most have requested indoor stall; mix of previous stall holders and new; AH suggested that we encourage stalls which attract teens/ older girls (nails, jewelry, make up,..); there was discussion on different types of stalls we could offer, though these would need PTA members to work on them eg: sweet/bottle/ make up tombolas, hockey/ netball scoring competition with prizes for top scorers ○ Tina C is selling advert space and has visited numerous local businesses – has 9 pages sold; TC circulated price list; anyone who would like to advertise please contact TC ○ dance/music depts have been approached re: performing ○ CS has posted date/ info on various local websites ○ Estate agent who provided boards last year is not able to do same this year; TC mentioned that there was an agent who she approached re: advertising who might be interested ○ It was agreed that when details of the Summer Market are sent, details of the items we intend to fund should be included so that parents are aware of what their monies will be supporting this year; members noted that in their previous schools this has often encouraged parents to contribute/ attend as they know exactly what is being bought with the money 	<p>CS to follow up with music/ dance dept re: performing at market</p> <p>TC to follow up Estate Agent boards with her contact</p>
4	<p>School wish list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of both student and teacher requests was circulated and discussed • Pupil bids included repeated suggestions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lockers: this is a big issue; some students hardly use their lockers, so are not concerned about this, whilst others need larger lockers eg for sports or music equipment; AH reported there is no space for any more lockers; many lockers are damaged; there has been some discussion in school re: lockers in sports dept; LS mentioned that as a parent she would be prepared to rent a larger locker ○ Improved toilet facilities: this is a site issue; it appears that students are not aware of the reporting procedures if there are problems 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computers/ laptops (see staff requests) ○ Kettle/ microwave for 6th form: Tracey C reported that 6th formers are provided with additional food choices compared to rest of the school; there have been previous discussions re: microwave/ kettle for 6th form - these cannot be provided due to Health and Safety issues ○ Media / film request ○ Lack of space/ seating in canteen area: lack of space means that students at present often have to sit on the floor to eat at lunchtime; canteen and dalo are crowded especially during wet weather; the area was designed for only 350 pupils; AH reported that the school has put in a bid for building work to provide sufficient space for seating at lunch/ break times ○ Arduino robots (Year 10): this was in response to course but felt this would benefit only a small group of students ● Teacher/ site manager bids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An outside area has had to be taped off as it is poses a Health and Safety issue. Shaun (Site Manager) has suggested artificial grass for this area (cost £8-10K) and has already secured some external funding from H&S budget but is requesting a contribution of £2000; the committee agreed this would benefit all students APPROVED ○ Media/ Film Dept: without correct equipment, students studying film/ media are at a disadvantage; external examiners have raised this as an issue: request for camcorders/ cameras/ tripods/ mini macs/ sound equipment was APPROVED £4577 ○ Laptops (6th form): general issues in school with laptops are that they are sometimes not returned (depleting the number in school substantially), not charged etc. TCurrie suggested that if one person was responsible for signing laptops in/out issues might be resolved; there are 37 laptops at present in 6th form and 499 students; request for laptops for 6th form at @ £4500 APPROVED ○ It was noted that chairs have appeared on the request list for the second year running ○ Student Support (clothing): skirts for younger pupils are urgently needed as if they cant be provided, students are having to go home; jumpers also required it was agreed that any skirts/ jumpers donated as second hand uniform could be passed to SS. ○ Books for library: LW suggested that there could be a request for donated books – school could decide which are appropriate ● £11077K worth of spending was approved, which is total funds available at present; ● If there are additional monies, the following items are on the reserve list for possible approval at next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocabexpress £700 ○ SSU: other items of clothing 	
5	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS Year 11 Prom (6 May): see 'matters arising'</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bingo night at Unicorn on 3 March; £5 on the door ● School funding: There followed a discussion regarding school funding in general and the future cuts for all schools; it was noted that the PTA are increasingly being asked to support the shortfall; there was also discussion around parental contributions. It was suggested that an email be sent to parents to outline the financial situation and that this should include ways in which parents could help 	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 May, 7.30pm, at school Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	

Signature

Date