



Minutes

George Abbot School PTA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 7.30pm

Zoom

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Agenda:

1. Apologies and welcome

Attendees: Phil Grainger, Gaby Sutton, Tony Mainee, Mariah Mills, Richard Blundell, Marie Rumler,

Apologies: Christina Kantartzi, Rahim Saeidi, Marion Lewis, Gary Whitaker, Tania Gerber

2. Acceptance of last meeting minutes and matters arising

Minutes accepted –outstanding action - Gaby to send email to Tony re payment to Carys

Phil advised that due to uncertainty the 3 peaks challenge will be organized to take place in 2022

3. Treasurer update

Everything up to date – banking/VAT/Sainsbury's account

Require an update on what school has spent money on

Accounts being reviewed by an external examiner

Seymours Estate Agents have agreed to pay £1,000 which they had offered for the Clandon Park Run 2020 which didn't take place

ACTION – Gaby will contact Richard re CPR 21

Sufficient amount of funds in the account – circa £40,000

4. Funding requests

The following funding requests were agreed

a. Biology

b. Chemistry

- c. English
- d. HSLW
- e. PSHE – There are 2 options given, it has been accepted on the assumption that it is one or the other – not both

The following funding requests were denied for the time being

- a. ICT – everyone agreed that laptop bags are something that parents could give to the school to reuse/recycle and would prefer that a request goes to parents before purchasing any which the PTA would be happy to do should there be no response
- b. Music – everyone agreed that more information is required on the stage and seating area before further funding is offered for lighting, although all agreed it was a good idea

It was agreed that Gaby would go back to Sarah Jones and request further information on the wall art for the faculty corridors. Would like assurance that it is what all faculties want and that they will be consulted on design

ACTION: Gaby to go to Sarah Jones to get further information on wall art for humanities corridors

5. Second hand uniform update

Successfully raised circa £500. Jane Smith and Tania Gerber have been fantastic

6. Quiz feedback

Was a great success. Phil and Richard were brilliant. Both agreed to run another quiz. Date agreed – February 26th

7. Gifts for teachers

Governor and regular PTA volunteer Jackie Thomson came up with the idea of getting gifts for the teachers to thank them for an unbelievably hard term. It was organized by Jackie, who bought vegan and gluten free sweets to cover allergies and were presented in recyclable boxes. Teachers were over the moon with the gifts.

8. Nowdonate.com and Paypal

Nowdonate seems to offer a way of fundraising without fees and money going straight into account compared to Paypal which is a convoluted process and charges. **ACTION: Gaby to send details to Marie and Tony to check out**

9. Clandon Park Run update

Gaby met with Moira Martin who is confident that the run can take place, it will be a pared down version of the run with six people running at a time and starting in stages.

More external areas of the school will have to be used. No on the day registration. Any marketing will need to be clear that event details may change at the last minute. Digital flyers have been produced. The website is live for bookings. **ACTION: Gaby to send digital flyers to Phil, Arthur and Justine**

10.AOB

AGM is the 12 January – Need to give 28 days notice and so must go out this week
ACTION: Phil to ask Polly to do an end of term message from the PTA including details of AGM and if not will need to use classlist.
ACTION: To move the Feb 23 meeting to March 2 so closer to CPR
Then as agreed – March 30, May 11, June 22.