

Minutes of meeting held 8th June 2011

Derby Grammar School PTA

1. Present

T. Morley, I. Louch, P. Hilliam, J Belton, C. Phipps, M Lacey, C. Bramall.

2. Apologies

P Staley, J Scotcher, K Bigland, R Paine, C Collie, J Skeates, C Bruce, Kudzai Gezi, J. Thomas.

Minutes of meeting held 11th May accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Year reps. It was requested by Tim that we should have pictures of each Year Rep on the web site so parents will know who to look out for if they have any questions to ask. The assembled committee all thought this was a good idea so this is something that we will aim to have done sooner rather than later. Julia organised a meeting with the Year Reps to distribute the parent contact sheets. The response was excellent from the Junior School and middling to poor from the Senior School. Julia and Ian to re-target parents from Years 7 and 8. Year Reps present welcomed the changes to the Year Rep role. Parent contact sheets to be distributed at Induction Evenings so that new parents will be contacted by the Year Rep when they join the school.

3.2 17th June Open day and Music workshop. School have requested to use the BBQ that will be at school for the fete, this was agreed but requested to be left cleaned ready for use on Sunday for the Fete.

18th June. Old Boys day. Mr Hilliam will check to see if any involvement is required by the PTA for Old Boys day, he does not think it will be but will let Tim Know asap.

3.3 School Web Site. There are no details on the school web site, in the events section, at the moment about the Summer Fete, Mr Hilliam will check and get the flyer put up. Parent contact sheet to be loaded up possibly with a link from the daily bulletin.

3.4 Tim to meet with Mr Hilliam to look at the Summer House re plans for how the PTA could help with restoration.

3.5 The PTA have been searching for good causes to raise money for and work towards, Mr Hilliam has had a request from the drama department for some “professional” scenery that they can adapt for all plays and use again and again. After a discussion the committee agreed this would be a worthy cause and would like to know ideas and cost involved asap. Another consideration will be for gym equipment for the summer house, this will not be an immediate purchase as the Summer House is in need of some restoration first. It has also been suggested that the PTA raise money to fund some new bike sheds to encourage more pupils to cycle to school. The staff i/c of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme have had to buy a new Pod Tent for themselves for expeditions, as a result this has been an unforeseen expense and asked if the PTA would fund this purchase. The committee discussed this and agreed to pay the £145 requested.

New goal posts bought by the PTA for the boys to enjoy.

These posts are made from Aluminium so will last for years to come.



4 School Business

4.1 Recognition award. It has been agreed that the trophy will be Glass with the School Crest engraved onto it with the wording below “Derby Grammar School PTA Recognition Award” The name of the person who wins the award will be engraved on with the year they won it. Mrs Bramall to contact Young Enterprise to find out where the awards come from

4.2 Pictures of staff on the web site. Tim has requested for School to consider having a profile of each member of staff on the web site with a photograph. This is so parents who do not get into school regularly will have a chance of recognising teachers and knowing what they do. It is not expected that this information would be available unless parents have logged into the secure part of the web site.

5. Financial Report

Current balance as of 8th June 2011 - £7528.19. Plant sale generated a total of £262.80. The Plants are to be paid for from this.

6. Future Events

6.1 Summer Fete 19th June. Mike Lacey is to coordinate the helpers and get a rota sorted out for stalls. Tim will sort out “stallers” also the burgers and sausages (including vegetarian). Mr Hilliam to ask Keith to order in bread rolls for burgers and hot dogs, Tim to advise on quantity. Julia Belton to check drink stocks.

Red Cross booked and confirmed, BBQ booked and confirmed. Tim to do an event risk assessment and have it with him on the day. It was briefly discussed whether we should advertise the fete and other events to "outsiders" and we have agreed to discuss this further but not in time for this year's fete.

6.2 Cross Country event 3rd September. Volunteers will be required for this event to help serving tea and coffee and handing out bacon rolls. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

6.3 Jazz Night: 7th or 8th October (to be confirmed). Mr Hilliam is talking to Jon Eno this week so will confirm the date with Jon and report back to the committee next meeting.

6.4 Ladies indulgence evening, 2nd December. There will be over 15 stalls selling luxury items that appeal to women such as jewellery, shoes, bags, make-up and there will also be various beauticians offering 20 minute treatments such as manicures, pedicures, Indian head massages, False eyelash fixing: These treatments will be bookable in advance. Tickets will

be £5 which includes a welcome drink and these must be bought in advance. Stall holders will be requested to donate £25 or 10% of their sales whichever is the greatest. They will also be asked to donate a prize to the raffle. It was also discussed that in order to attract ladies with no connection to the school that we donate 10% of our profits to a charity. Julia suggested Kidney Research. Julia to email Year Reps to ask them to help find stallholders.

6.5 School Calendars. Mr Hilliam will have photos of School events etc for the PTA to choose for the calendar so this can be printed and ready by the middle of the Autumn Term.

6.4 Event ideas

Due to time this was not discussed any further

AOB

Mr Hilliam announced that the first Clarion Calls will be made in the next week or so.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting to be held 22nd June.

Reminder.

Tim Morley has announced that after 3 years as chair of the PTA he will be stepping down at the AGM in October, there may well be other positions in the PTA to fill at the AGM so if anyone would like to get involved with making a difference for the pupils and school please come to a meeting and see what we do!

If any members of the existing PTA are thinking of stepping down from position of office or would like to have their name put forward for a particular position please speak to Tim so we are prepared.

Tim has also pre-warned he will not be available to help with the fireworks this year as he's away on that weekend, he will however be able to help with purchasing the fireworks for the event.