

Minutes of meeting held 5 January 2011

Derby Grammar School PTA

Present

T. Morley, I. Louch, P. Hilliam, C. Bramall, P. Staley, C. Phipps, A. Hamilton, M. Lacey, J. Thomas
School council representative- Ananth Srinivasan.

1.Apologies

C Collie, J Belton, K Bigland, J Scotcher, Mr Paine, Mrs Bruce, K Raraoka, J Skeates.

Minutes accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 School Council

Ananth spoke to the PTA about school year group decisions re what they would like the PTA to provide. The present members of the PTA were happy to support the following requests of the school council:-

Year 7 to 9 request:

Sturdy football goals on wheels.

Ananth will research possible goals & will come back to the PTA with cost depending on size & quality. All goals considered must conform to health & safety & British Standard requirements.

Year 10 & 11 request:

One request was for more heaters at Pastures changing rooms and locks on cubicle doors but this was rejected as a school responsibility.

More variety of sports equipment for lunch time activities when pupils are outside, to be clarified as exactly what equipment they would like.

Gym equipment for the summerhouse i.e weights, exercise bikes and other fitness equipment.

Year 12 & 13 request:

A new kettle & breakfast stools to go with the new breakfast bar in the 6th form common room.

Ananth was asked to prioritise the requests & come back with assurances as to how equipment would be looked after & full costing's for the above.

The amount of money to be made available to the school council will depend on the validity of what the pupils are requesting.

Costing's to be emailed to Tim Morley asap so that this can be actioned as soon as possible.

3.2 School uniform

Headmaster to speak to Governors about the possibility of sewing badges onto correct size blazers.

3.3 Rowing Machines.

The rowing machines have been re conditioned at the start of this term & the invoice is to be forwarded to the PTA for payment.

3.4 Year Reps.

Mrs Bruce emailed Mr Morley to say that the year rep list on the web site is not up to date. Julia Belton to check that current reps are happy to continue & to ensure that the list on the website is up to date.

3.5 Calendars

Thanks to those who have bought calendars, 50 have been sold to date. We encourage all members to please push calendar sales as we feel that it is unfair to the companies who have been generous enough to provide sponsorship to receive such little support from the school.

Cathy Phipps to get calendar details back on the daily bulletin to help with sales.

3.6 Change to constitution

Paul Hilliam to speak to J Skeates re changes to be made to the constitution wording.

4 School Business

4.1 Carol Service

Calendar sales disappointing.

4.2 Derby High School Autumn Fair

General feeling that requesting a stall at DHS Autumn fair would not have any real value to DGS PTA

4.3 Speed ramps

No progress that we are aware of. Mr Hilliam to speak to HM to see if Governors have made any decision. The PTA feel that this is a matter of urgency & would like an answer from the school Governors as money is available for this idea **now**.

Ramps have been costed at approx. £400.00 each & the PTA feel 4 ramps would be suitable.

4.4 Sixth form common room

Covered by Ananth's request.

4.5 Recognition award.

Suggestions for what format the award should assume, the PTA decided on a £50.00 book voucher for the recipient & also a trophy/cup which will be displayed at school.

Mr Hamilton to investigate catalogues for cups/ trophies etc.

4.6 Year Reps

The parent contact details letter & request form is to be sent out in the next week or so for parents to complete & return so that publicity of events can be distributed to all in a timely manner. Tim Morley to meet with Julia Belton to discuss.

5. Financial Report

Current balance as at 05/01/11 is £8,337.22.

Bonfire Night report

600 bread rolls & 300 sausages & 300 burgers were ordered of which only approx. 50 burgers were left. It is presumed that bread rolls were incorrectly delivered as there were so many left over. Some burgers were not sufficiently cooked & had to be cooked in addition to being re heated. It may be an idea to have tea & coffee available next year as it was requested. Notice needs to be given on tickets that parents are responsible for their childrens behaviour & safety during the event.

6. Future Events

6.1. PTA meeting dates

Are confirmed as on school calendar.

6.2 Second Hand Uniform Sale

3.45 pm, 10th March second hand uniform sale to coincide with years 3 & 4 parents evening.

6.3. PTA quiz

Mr Louch is preparing a quiz like no other, bigger and better than ever before! Prior bookings for teams are requested via e mail using PTA email address pta@derbygrammar.co.uk. Payment will be taken on the night. Mr Louch to discuss lighting & sound with Mr Lacey & Harry McArthur Bale.

Cathy Phipps to produce poster to advertise quiz to go on the web site & notice board asap.

6.4 Bar for School production

Bar for school production of Footloose on 17 & 18 March. Help will be required.

We need to establish if a bar is required for Junior School Arts evening later on in the month. Check with Mrs Bruce.

AOB

12 Feb 11 School Choral Society is now to be held in the school hall. Help from 2 or 3 parents is requested to sell drinks on the night.

Mr Hamilton asked if school had taken any action concerning flu in school, & asked if the school are providing any information.

Mrs Bramall informed the meeting that hand cleaner, tissues, bins & notice to parents re keeping pupils at home if they are showing symptoms are all being actioned.

Mr Morley is to get a quote for re fencing the hard court as the fencing is currently in a State of dis repair and lets the school down on first impressions.

(This is only an enquiry at this stage)

Meeting closed at 9.02pm. Next meeting to be held 2nd February 2011.