

Draft Minutes
Of
Lathallan Parent's Association AGM & Meeting
Tuesday 31st August, 2021
7.00pm by Zoom

Present:

Maria Coll

Ranjit Fernandez

Lindsey Home

Scott Keenan

Karen Summers

Chair

Vice-Chair

Events Coordinator

Treasurer

Secretary

Alan McKenzie, Andrew Oriunuebho, Anya Kennedy, Bianca Henderson, Bryan Norrie, Emma Cheung, Eitido Merison, Helen Corbett, Henry Irvine-Fortescue, Liz Allison, Karen Hopkin, Lorna Smith, Lucy Ross, Mark Merison, Mary Clare Bain, Rachel Kinkead, Richard Toley, Scott Keenan, Stephanie Grantham, Tracey Macaulay

Apologies :- Lindsay, Susan Dinnie, Jonny Mackel, Rob McIntosh

Welcome Chair

Maria, as the chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that it was especially good to see new faces and a good turnout. Maria reminded everyone about the purpose of the Association being to:-

enhance the experience of children and parents at Lathallan through the organisation of social and fundraising events throughout the school year and by providing funding donations to school projects and events which benefit the pupils and the school.

She also stated that for the second year running, due to Covid, the Highland Games – normally a significant fundraiser would not be running due to government guidelines continuing to restrict the safe hosting of this type of activity.

Finance Report

The Treasurer provided an update which is summarized as follows:-

£5942.80 in bank

Capitation per pupil is expected by end October and will bring in c£4000/5000

Merchandise has brought in £229 since the June meeting

The following amounts are ring-fenced to allow funding of the pre-approved activities:-

- £5000 - Narnia (outdoor stage)
- £470 - Nursery trip, bus and tickets
- £600 - J7 Bash / End of primary transition to secondary school celebration event
- £750 - S6 Burns House, leadership skills event
- £250 - Leavers gifts

Easy Fundraiser opportunity – raise money for Lathallan whilst shopping online!

[Fundraising](#) | [Charity Fundraising Online](#) | [Easyfundraising](#)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting in June were approved.

Funding Requests

- Ranjit's request for additional funding for S6 to augment his career budget was declined. Maria proposed that the current level of ring-fencing should be maintained and not increased and this was agreed.

AOB

- Tracey suggested that everyone download the easy fundraising app so that 'free' money could be donated for the benefit of the school. In future reminders will be added to School and Association comms to keep the opportunity fresh in people's minds.
- A detailed discussion ensued about locker provision (to avoid Chrome book damage, belongings getting lost and to fill the estimated 80 piece shortfall in lockers which would allow one per pupil) was contributed to by Alan, Emma, Helen, Lorna, Rachel and Henry. Richard Toley will circulate a questionnaire to canvas wide parent opinion to inform the optimum solution. Ranjit reminded everyone that in the interim there is the option for pupils to leave bags with teachers to be safely locked in classrooms between lessons.
- Rachel is optimistic that the remembrance service for the Pipe band would go ahead although she hasn't yet been contacted by the British Legion.
- Richard mentioned that fireworks night would not go ahead in its usual format because of CV-19 Guidance. If the guidance changes then an eco-friendly alternative ticketed, event will be proposed as a new school tradition.
- Bianca raised the issue of fundraising and broader practical support for Afghan refugees. The Association will investigate Just Giving, Red Cross and UNICEF options. Richard will raise school pupil involvement in the crisis at Senior Senate Meeting this week.
- Lucy raised the issue of gender neutral uniform choices. Helen added sports choices for wider conversation. Richard will survey parents on this matter.
- Ranjit mentioned that the contributions to the food banks have declined recently.
- Richard and Maria will discuss a wider forum for broader school questions due to the Association meeting discussing topics out-with the current constitution.

Maria thanked everyone for coming and for their contributions to the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th October at 7pm on Zoom