

Draft Minutes
Of
Lathallan Parent's Association
Meeting on Wednesday 26th January, 2022
7.30pm by Zoom

Present:

Richard Toley	Headmaster
Maria Coll	Chair
Ranjit Fernandez	Vice-Chair
Lindsey Home	Events Coordinator
Scott Keenan	Treasurer
Susan Dinnie	Merchandising
Karen Summers	Secretary

Bianca Henderson, Bryan Norrie, Claire Adam, Fiona Bruce, Gary Dinnie, Josh Gabriel-Clarke, Katie Masheter, Rachel Kinhead and Rob McIntosh,

Apologies :-

Fiona Smith and Lucy Ross

Welcome Chair

Maria, LPA Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which would be the first of the new format/

Fundraising

It was confirmed that the Rugby 7s Tournament would go ahead this year. It was agreed that a portion of the funds raised at the event go towards the gym project being led by Mr GC. The remaining funds raised will go to school to reinvest in future Rugby 7s events, charitable causes and the Pipe band. Snowdrop are confirmed as the headline sponsor for the second year.

No new merchandise sales since November although there will be a stall at Rugby 7s so this will change.

Mr GC to look into desirable sporting items (such as signed shirts/balls) that could be raffled off for fundraising.

Ragbag has earned £66 this term.

Katie Masheter will add Ragbag and Easy Fundraising reminder in the forthcoming digital school newsletter.

Headmasters Update

- Covid Update – Junior School significantly affected and a few teachers off too.
- Update from Survey
 - Gender neutral uniform. Further survey to come out on this topic. Any actions/changes will link to Eco Pledge

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- Food – quality, nutrition, smaller lunches, variety, amount. Catering team speak directly with pupils each day and do their best to accommodate all tastes.
- Lockers – seen more as an issue of where bags should be placed rather than a need for extra lockers
- Homework – is given with clear purpose to support learning. Allocation is sympathetic to the length of school day and travelling distances
- Length of school day – partly inherited, in part impacted by boarders, buses and distances. A change here would impact the whole educational business model which has been looked at previously with status quo seen as the optimum option
- High staff turnover – Mr Toley reported that this perception is perhaps influenced by timing with teachers leaving within academic year. He does however feel that school requires a healthy level of change to bring in fresh ideas to balance the consistency brought by existing faculty

Finance Report

Scott's reported as follows:-

£11.8k in bank (£383 raised by Easy fundraising still to transfer for Easy Fundraising to LPA account

The following amount is ring-fenced to allow funding of the pre-approved activities:-

- £5k - Narnia (outdoor stage and kitchen). Richard confirmed that receipts would be shared shortly so this could be claimed back
- £7k set aside to ensure provision available for nursery and annual requests

Mr Gabriel-Clarke's Presentation – Strength & Conditioning Gym

Mr GC delivered a presentation and request for LPA financial support for the project. He was invited to revert with first phase costings for garage modifications and installations for deeper consideration by LPA. There was indicative support for helping move this initiative forward.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting in October were approved post meeting.

AOB

- None

Maria thanked everyone for joining the zoom call and for their contributions to the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting = 16th March at 7pm on Zoom

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