

PTA Meeting
28th April 2021

Present: Claire Penny, Anna Everington, Caroline Barrass, Lorraine Honour, Sarah Brandon, Valerie Chua-Goh, Ursula Watkins, Lauren Cox, Anita Thatcher, Natalie Bell and Vicky Stock

Apologies: Emma Felce

	Agenda Item	Actions
1	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB has advised that we need to have £5000 come into our account before we can apply for Charity status. While this seems a large amount, at least we now have a target. • The non-uniform days has been rescheduled until the 25th June as it fits better with the plans for Year 11. • Willen loved the idea of stocking pre-loved school uniforms and are going to launch this initiative using their large store which has just opened in the city centre (the old Staples). The plan is to collect for all secondary schools have a 'Schools Week' during the summer holidays. CP will arrange for a storage area at each campus and the PTA can publicise the collection of the uniforms via the School Facebook and Parentmail. It was agreed that we will stick to branded items Blazers, Ties, Skirts and PE Kits but if we get trousers then these can still be sent. We need a sub team to manage the publication, collection, co-ordinate the cleaning and then delivery to Willen. Any takers? • Please continue to send any fundraising ideas to annaeverington@yahoo.com, both for during and post COVID. This will include tried and tested as well as new ideas so as these are readily available as needed will then be stored in a central location for all to access. 	<p>CP & All Members</p> <p>AE & All Members</p>
2	<p>PTA News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTA section on the school website is all set up and will hopefully go live next week. This will be updated by AE via Karen Bevan but feel free to mail annaeverington@yahoo.com with any ideas. • The first PTA Newsletter is ready to be sent out. The next one will go out at the beginning of June, if you would like to suggest content, please e-mail Anna as above with your ideas. • All those who responded have now been added to the PTA WhatsApp group, if you are not on it and would like to be added, please e-mail Anna as above with your mobile number. 	
3	<p>Department Bids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While some departments have withdrawn their requests, a number of Departments have confirmed they still have a need for the items requested on the last bids. These include Science; Geography; English; MFL; DT; RE and Drama. Once these have been purchased, we will be left with a balance of £731.22. • As part of this review, the following items will be added to the Amazon Wishlist: Microphones for Music; Tripods and Screen Printing Frames for the Art Department. This link is being advertised on the PTA section on the website and we can put it on a Facebook post and Parentmail if needed too. 	
4.	<p>Projects:</p> <p>The school want to introduce a more specialised offering in Food Tech and Engineering next year. Part of this initiative requires an investment/sponsorship of approximately £40,000 to get the</p>	<p>All members</p>

	<p>equipment needed and the school would like to see if the PTA can assist in raising awareness and funds. This news was well received, and it was suggested that the school reach out to local organisations such as Mercedes, VW and Red Bull Racing for engineering and CB has some ideas for food tech too. Lots of companies have a budget for apprenticeships and like to be seen to be giving back to the community, especially if they can shape the kids of today to become their employees in the future. Again, a subgroup may be needed to focus on this so please let Anna know if you would like to be involved.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Future Plans:</p> <p>September 2021</p> <p>As long as the road map continues as planned, we should see a return to normality for the most part, this will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School starts at 08:45 with 10 minutes Tutor Time each day. Students will be put back into their original Tutor Group and subject lessons will be arranged into Sets. • There will be an extra 5 minutes added to the morning break and 10 minutes added to the lunch break and the canteens should be able to resume normal service, rota's may be put into place, but this will be decided nearer the time. • It is planned that school will end at 14:55. • Lesson 6 will remain in place as it has been beneficial for many students, not just those who have needed help catching up since lockdown. • Events such as ACE Days, Enrichment and Impact Mornings will be postponed with a view to return in the Summer and Winter terms of 2022. • 6th Form will resume to their usual timetable rather than having a whole week of a subjects learning provided in one day. This decision was not popular with some of the PTA's 6th form children and Claire will feed this back. • Google Classroom will stay active for homework and online learning as needed. <p>EduLink:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new software, EduLink is being trialled to provide parent's/carers with a better insight into their child's school day. It will record attendance, ePraise Points, Behaviour Points as well as being used for Parent's Evening. The latter will be held both face to face and online to ensure that there is the right mix or contact with families and the school. This will obviously be decided based on the government guidelines. <p>Summer Term 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the summer term 2021, the school are going to run a week of interactive activities for each year group, outside as much as possible. Year 7 in particular have missed out on the whole 'High School Experience'. Not being able to move classrooms or mix with the older students etc. The school aim to give them tasks which will get them properly acquainted with the school ready for Year 8. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Social Media</p> <p>The school would like to make sure that their social media presence is as effective as possible. It was assumed that the target audience would be parent's/carers rather than the students and for this reason, Facebook seems to be the most effective platform. It was suggested that while the current content is good, there is not the right frequency of posts. Ideas for extra content included sending important date reminders (HPV, School Photo's, Mufty Day etc); showing off what the school or students has achieved; highlighting important news from Ousenews or Parentmail etc. The PTA will</p>	

	<p>also be able to request posts on news that we have to share too. (See above)</p> <p>Twitter was discussed but it was felt this platform needed to have someone monitoring the account on a regular basis throughout the day and the school may not be able to be as reactive as needed for this. Instagram was also rejected for similar reasons, plus these updates need to be more picture based which would not always suit our communication needs.</p>	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Parents are still having issues with getting updates from Google Classroom. AE with talk to Martin Molloy • It was requested that the canteen post food options in advance so as the children don't waste time queuing for items they do not want. There was also a concern of the lack of vegetarian options while the restricted menu is on offer. CP will look into this. • There was some concern over behaviour in class both towards the teachers and fellow students. It was advised that the school will act upon any concerns, but these must be communicated to the Head of Years. • Dress Code of 6th Form students is inconsistent, some students appear to be dressed for a night out instead of a day at school! CP will look into this. 	<p>AE</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting - 9th June 2021 6pm Method/location TBC based on restrictions</p>	