

Penglais School PTA Meeting, 20 September 2018, Railway Club

Chair: Mike Pitcher; minutes: Artemis Gratsea (Secretary)

Present: Julie Davies (Staff), Mair Hughes (Head teacher), Heather Cox, Cathy Beckham (Treasurer), Andra Jones, Julia Liebeschuetz, Siobhan Maderson, Clare Donnison, Catherine Howarth, Artemis Gratsea, Michael Pitcher, Diane Morris, Matthew Kularatne, Jane Griffiths

Apologies received: Paul and Kim Williams

Mike Pitcher welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes agreed

From previous actions:

- Headteacher working on projects list – will come back to that
- Mike and Artemis re sharing PTA information more effectively is under discussion

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Mike thanked Artemis, Cathy, Julie
- Last Year's Autumn Fair: despite the low attendance it has been a good fundraising event raising approx. £2570
- The Curry & Quiz night had been a great success and raised approx. £1200
- The Disco raised £80 for the school
- Tesco's grant of £1000 given
- Siobhan has successfully mobilised parents for the campaign
- Approx £5700 given away for school projects
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3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts approved

Revenue from 1 Sep 2017 - 31 August 2018 were £5,411.77. Balance July 2018 £2390.05

Need to identify someone with accounting understanding to check the accounts

4. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

A lot of changes – most students cope well

- New mobile phone policy – students are engaged
- Now all years have the new uniform
- Lessons start at 8:45'
- Tutors time more organised
- Pastoral structured changed, new Team Leader – lots of positivity
- New Head of YR10
- New Head of Literacy and Numeracy
- 6th form already enrolled with choices
- Teaching and Learning consultant was with Science and Maths Leaders this week
- New marketing post holder (Alice Rees) in place
- HD to organise in the next few weeks a sub-group of members of the School Council and PTA who will look at fundraising
- In responding to Siobhan's suggestion of waiting before embarking on any new activity, thus giving the politicians some time, Head suggested asking Elin Jones about any updates

- Coming up:
 - Open Evening 4 Oct 18:00-20:00 – PTA will contribute [**Action:** Artemis volunteered]
 - Secondary School Heads to meet with Council Committee 28 Sep – parents' activities did have an impact
 - 5mile ramble fundraising event for 6th form, year 7 and families, staff and PTA on 7th October, Plascrug leisure centre 2pm with Countryfile/bbc to raise money for children in need.

5. CONSTITUTION

Heather talked through the new constitution

Action: Heather will make agreed amendments and submit it to Charities Commission.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike stood down as Chair, happy to continue as Vice-Chair – was thanked for his service by everybody present; taking over as Chair, Heather Cox.

Artemis and Cathy will continue on their posts for another year.

7. PLANS FOR AUTUMN FAIR

Most probable date 1 Dec 10am

Action: Julie will check with Mr Jones.

Action: Jane Griffiths to organise a sub-committee to meet on 11 Oct 7pm at the Arts Centre.

Some thoughts about what it should be called; it will be held on a Saturday; to be communicated via Parent Mail.

Action: Cathy will prepare a poster by the Open Evening.

8. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

It was decided to leave it for the beginning of the New Year when we will have a bit more money

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

How to improve communications- Special Committee sub-group to meet with Alice

Action: Andra, Mike and Heather will meet 11 Oct 7pm at Arts Centre

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 Jan 2019 at Shilam – unless otherwise informed