

Penglais School PTA Meeting, 19 September 2019, Penglais School

Chair: Heather Cox; Minutes: Artemis Gratsea (secretary)

Present: Rebecca Kularatne, Lesley Langstaff, Phil Budd, Heather Cox, Artemis Gratsea, Catherine Jackson Walley, Julie Davies, Mair Hughes, Rhodri James, Mike Pitcher, Kim James- Williams

Apologies: Cathy Beckham, Hadyn Williams, Debbie Salavoni, Claire Donnison, Jane Griffiths, Mandy Keyworth

Heather Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes agreed

CHAIR REPORT

- Delighted for School's ESTYN results
- Last year's campaigning has been a positive contribution to School's efforts
- Christmas Fayre & raffle raised the most money
- Curry & Quiz has been successful
- Car boot sale did not go as well as hoped
- Disco was a nice evening despite not raising funds
- Grateful to Mike and Heather Pitcher for their contribution
- Lottery scheme: about 5% of parents joined, expected to raise for the school 1K this year.
ACTION: Heather to write something about the Lottery scheme to be included in the School Newsletter

TREASURER REPORT

Catherine provided the accounts for last year; several projects have been supported following applications appraisal

HEADTEACHER REPORT

- Good ESTYN result helped staff moral; School can now set own priorities
- Several projects/events: battlefields, visit from Japan, arts and creative exhibition
- Very good GCSEs and A-Level results
- New year started well, several new staff e.g. new head per year
- Student Voice and Leadership scheme; 6th Form will have one representative per Year
- New anti-bulling and Kindness Policy
- Events e.g. curriculum evenings, 10th September open evening, Year 11 with tutors
- Goal to become a more research-based school e.g. teachers in research groups
- Budget: staff grateful for PTA contribution
- Marketing post: advertised – temporarily covered 2 mornings by member of staff

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Heather Cox, Artemis Gratsea continue; Cathy Beckham resigned, Kim Kames-Williams taking over as Treasurer and Mike Pitcher to remain as Vice- Chair.
- Julie Davies will not be able to continue as before although she'll be happy to help out when possible; everybody present expressed their gratitude for her long service and contribution
ACTION: Heather will ask, if needed, re another person taking over

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *International food and music evening 07/02/2020*
PTA will man the bar;
School will apply for alcohol licence
ACTION: Artemis to look into using her personal licence instead ('TEN' application)
- *Christmas Fayre 07/12/2019 morning*
10/10/2019 Christmas Fayre team meeting, Arts Centre;
Raffle tickets
ACTION: Kim will check with Cathy re raffle tickets
ACTION: Rhodri will coordinate
ACTION: Phil with students will organise the music
- *Jazz and cocktail event*
Decided to leave for now; can be held at any time in the year

AOB

- *Requests for funding*
Two applications already received
 Geography Department £185: approved
 Library £500: on hold
- *Curry and Quiz evening: to discuss at another meeting*
- *Alumni*
Companies specialising in setting alumni up. Will be discussed again when new Marketing person in post
- *Macmillan Coffee Morning*
ACTION: Becky will put on Facebook
- Need help for open evening 03/10/2019 6-8pm; need help for 21-22-23/11/2019
ACTION: Heather will coordinate
- Ego item to promote PTA: Mair doing an article with them, consider combining PTA role

NEXT MEETINGS

10/10/2019 7pm Arts centre to discuss Christmas Fayre

16/01/2020 at Shilam Restaurant