**Minutes of the AFS Committee Meeting**

**Held on: Wednesday 16th March 2022 - 7.00pm**

**Venue: King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys**

**Those in attendance were:**

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Position/Year** | **Name** | **Position/Year** | | Russell Bowen | Honorary President | Thomas Breakwell | Staff Liaison | | Kevin Cheung | Chair – Y10 | Fiona Lenton | Secretary – Y10 | | Nithya Menon | Vice Chair – Y10 | Jeanette Crutchley | School Liaison | | Jitesh Samani | Digital Officer,  Buyer – Y7 | Martin Crutchley | School Governor | | Liz Dainty | Treasurer -  Y9 + Y11 | Sarah Kippax | Y9 + Y11 + Y13 Parent | | Zab Kapasi | Y8 Parent | Fatema Soonsara | Y10 Parent | | Zainab Mohamed | Y8 Parent | Graham Murray | Y10 Parent | |

**1. Welcome / Introductions:**

The Chair welcomed everyone attending. All present introduced themselves.

**2. Apologies**

No apologies received.

**3.  Review of previous Minutes and Actions**

All in attendance agreement to previous minutes and actions.

**4.  Chair’s Report:**

Kevin received the first order of mugs which we looked at during the meeting. They were well received by all.

AFS agreed to part-fund tickets to the prom for pupils who are on bursaries.

Planning for the Year 7 Social is underway, and thanks were given to Mr Breakwell for his work towards this.

Kevin also thanked the AFS and in particular to Mrs Crutchley for her support over the last 20 years and during this transition time

**5.  Treasurer’s Report:**

Liz Dainty gave thanks for her flowers /gift from committee members.

£2000 is going towards the mural in the careers room, and there is £10,000 available to spend. It is hoped Barclays will match fund the Quiz night on 1st July.

There was a request for parents to be able to set up Standing Orders on their phones and add the gift aid on via the school website gift aid form. Liz has offered to come in to the Year 7 social evening to show parents how to fill in the forms. We have had 9 forms filled in so far

**6. Headmaster’s Report:**

Mr Bowen gave an update on school matters to the attendees noting the forthcoming school Musical: Oliver, Year 7 and Year 8 social events. And offered his huge thanks to Jitesh for his work to the AFS web pages on the school website.

Mr Bowen also provided an update regarding the preliminary application to the council for permission to build a new all-weather pitch which is still in progress. An update on future plans about other potential building projects was provided too.

Mr Bowen sadly announced several staffing departures and added that the school are actively recruiting for all these positions and are confident in continuing to attract a strong field for these posts.

Mr Bowen spoke about the student Charity Committee delivering a series of events during Charity week (w/c 14th February) raising over £3500 which was the most successful charity event in the history of the school. The planning of “Walk to Ukraine” is being planned for the summer term where the AFS will be approached to support.

The Junior rugby tour was a resounding success and was looking forward to Senior Tour too. The Conway centre is booked for Year 8 and Year 10 and the Italy trip is still in progress. Ski Trip is also booked for February 2023. The school have signed up to SOCS which will allow the school to publish all extra-curricular clubs and societies and also monitor attendance.

Mr Bowen spoke about 6th Form admissions are going well. With the Sixth form web page “Open Days” currently online along with a new online application system.

The Year 7 admissions are in the third year of the new system. Where the previous two years the school have struggled to offer places to all “Pot 4” students, which meant a number of local boys (in catchment) who have met the “Priority Score” of 224 but failed to secure a place. The governors have approved an offer of 150 places for Year 7 boys for September 2022 and are delighted to have made offers to boys in all five pots on March 1st.

The school have made robust plans to support the current Year 11 and Year 13 students through the ups and downs of the pandemic, including collecting a series of “mock” exam results in case there is a need to fall on teacher assessed grades.

Mr Bowen concluded in saying “I want to celebrate the caring and inclusive community that we are, where everyone can do and be their best.

**7. Digital Officer’s Report:**

Jitesh mentioned the new AFS page can be accessed through the school website. It is here where AFS meeting agendas and minutes can be downloaded. Links to the AFS social media pages can also be found on the website too. Jitesh demonstrated this to all those in attendance.

Graham has sent a list of things that would be good to sell: scarves, hats, PE bags, stationary, branded Camp Hill Boys waterproof sports top. Sarah suggested we ask the boys what they would like to buy.

**8. Up-coming events:**

Kevin requested volunteers for Oliver, the Year7 Social on 7th April, and the Year 8 Social on 28th June. Tom explained that parents were to come, see the school, meet Mr Bowen, Mr O’Malley, go on the Treasure Hunt around the school and get to know the culture of the school.

Mr Rudd will give a talk at the Year 8 evening. Evaluation forms will be given out to both those who did and did not attend in order to learn for the Year 8 evening.

Mrs Crutchley suggested that parents arrive in their son’s house colours. Kevin and the committee decided not to charge for the events, but will put out a contribution box instead.

**9. AOB:**

Second hand uniform was discussed. It would be good to get a volunteer to run sales of the second-hand uniform. Someone who can collate, catalogue, and send. Graham suggested opening one Saturday morning in the summer, and putting everything out on a table until it all goes. Sarah pointed out that giving out second hand uniforms at school is not acceptable, because it would be embarrassing for the boy receiving them.

Mr Breakwell had asked for teachers to say what they would like support with from the AFS fund. The Art department provided a detailed bid to purchase new/second hand to support both existing GCSE and A level Art students with their work and also to build up the use of Photography within the department initially through Photography club. Stage one will cost approximately £1767.00 with additional equipment purchased during Stage 2 of the proposal costing a further £800.00

Another request was made by the technical department for microphones for future drama and musical performances.

Mr Bowen supported the cameras for the Art Department. Further discussion to be had regarding the funding of these cameras for the Art Department.

An alternative supplier to School uniform was discussed. There are already three suppliers: Midland School wear, Monkhouse, and Clive Marks. They have been asked to sort out the stock supply as it is not always easy to get hold of items. Gogna can supply hats, scarves, sports bags and mugs.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Next AFS meeting 11th May 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.45pm.