

Minutes from RSPA meeting on 1st May 2014

Meeting called to order by Mel Horton

Present

Mel Horton, Ashley Robson, Frances Greaney, Miriam Graham, Maggie Berney, Marion Murphy, Niamh Sherwood, Jason Humm, Virginia Cullura

Apologies

Anita Stone, Ameet Phadnis, Alison Jackson, Sarah Hooper, Anne Harding, Elaine McCann, Meenu Paliwall, Monica Sharma, Kavitha Perumal

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Wine and Jazz Evening Debrief

- There has been very positive feedback about the Wine and Jazz Evening. By the time of the event approximately 96% of the available tickets had been sold.
- Jason noted that he was unable to give financial feedback on the evening as he has received no bank statements forwarded from the school for the last 2-3 months.

Actions: Mel to write and thank Michael Warner for suggesting and running the evening. Frances to look into the situation with the bank statements.

2. Outdoor Equipment Project Update

- The School Council has ordered goals at a cost of £2,300. They are also investigating the possibility of outdoor table tennis and basketball hoops. This is currently being considered with the Estates Team to determine where the items can safely be sited.
- The School Council are also looking into further bag storage facilities to be located outside the refectory which the RSPA will finance.
- Estates are currently still considering the best place to site the lost property shed that the RSPA have offered to fund.

3. School Grants

- Mr Robson advised that the school has been awarded a £2.88 million grant from the Department for Education to go towards providing new Biology and Chemistry facilities. The school's application for sports funding was unsuccessful this year but will be resubmitted next year.



4. Leavers Evening 2014

- This will be held on Wednesday 25th June, 6.30pm to 9pm. It will take place in the staff garden if the weather is good or else in Big School.
- A request will be put to the catering team to provide food for the evening – sandwiches and savoury nibbles.
- Miriam, Niamh and Marion offered to help on the evening.
- Representatives of the Friends of Reading School will be present

Actions: Frances to write to the parents of leavers to invite them. Jason to check the amount spent on food last year and the same will be spent this year. Virginia to arrange to collect 100 small wine glasses and one box of half-pint glasses from Waitrose for the evening. Mel to arrange drinks.

5. New Parents Evenings 2014

- These will be held on 11th and 12th June. Mel will give a short speech at 7.05pm.
- Tea and coffee will be available in the refectory after the event.

Actions: Maggie to invite current Year 7 and Year 8 Class Reps to attend and let Frances know who is coming in order to provide name badges.

6. Committee

- Anita has resigned as secretary due to other commitments. The committee would like to express their thanks to Anita for everything she has done in the role.
- Mel advised the committee of her intention to stand down as Chair at the AGM.

Actions: Maggie to email parents in Years 7 – 9 who expressed an interest in getting involved with the committee. A similar appeal will be added to the circulation of the minutes.

7. AOB

- Frances has been in contact with the GB Theatre Company regarding Outdoor Shakespeare but the dates they have so far suggested for the beginning of July don't work for the school. It was suggested that a Sunday afternoon performance might be more successful than weekday evening performances.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 19th June 2014 7.30 to 9pm
Venue to be advised in Agenda

Meeting closed by Mel Horton at 8.15 pm



Minutes created by Maggie Berney