



ASHLYNS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held via Google Teams on 26 May 2021

Present

Gary I (Chair), Dhrooti M, Suzanne M, Helen C, Mark B, Jo H, Angela D, Clare W, Andrea W, Rob D, Liz H, David W, Alison H (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Finance update (including new and outstanding funding requests)

Rob reported a balance of £16,700 to allocate. The 3D printer and some smaller items for the LRC were still outstanding. No new requests had been received.

3. School update

The alfresco dining area was being developed. School was investing in pathways around the site. The ASA may have a role in enhancing the outside spaces.

Governors were waiting to see what restrictions were lifted in June to determine if the planned comedy and curry night in July could go ahead, but were very keen for all events to go ahead. The ASA would continue planning, as the financial risk was small.

4. Current events

Bags2school had been rebooked as it was a low effort event. Bags would be collected after half term – a minimum of 50 bags was required. Empty bags had been left at reception for use.

5. Future events

GAN uniform sale - parents had been reminded of the request to hand in old year 11 uniform. School would no longer have new uniform sales, but a 'fayre' had been suggested which would provide an overview of school and a welcome to new year 7s. Volunteers were available for washing but stock of larger sizes was low.

Monday 28 June from 4 to 7pm was agreed as a suitable date and time. Two new clothes rails would be purchased at a cost of £35.99 each. There would be a message in the bulletin this Friday asking for uniform donations to Gary's address. Year 11s could donate when they collected their hoodies.

Comedy and curry night (9 July) – Gary and Suzanne would pull together a plan for this event and book the food and comedy acts. Dhrooti had spoken to the compere from last time, who would put a line up together. Fat Buddha have agreed to sponsor. It was tentatively planned to hold the event in the hall, subject to the lifting of restrictions. An outside/marquee event was discussed – Gary would investigate cost and availability. The committee agreed that the event did not need to make a profit – it would be good to offer a positive event for the school community, even if it only broke even.

Andrea to check the alcohol licence position.

Ashlyns illustrations – a local parent had offered a colour drawing of Ashlyns for leavers, with £5 going to the ASA. They could be personalised for an extra £10. Given the relationship with other local artists and the similarity of work, it was decided not to proceed with the offer at this time, but the parent would be directed to the craft fair instead.

Pop-up café – to run a café in the Town Hall when a fair is running. We would have to supply the food/drink and the pitches were open to anyone to apply. It was felt this was not an option at the present time.

Summer concert – was not happening this year.

Halloween Disco – subject to COVID restrictions, this would go ahead. Angela was happy to lead on the organisation.

Car Boot Sale – could be held after Raiders' season ends. The construction work around various parts of the school might make this difficult. October half term was a possibility.

Craft Fair – this would be held on 21 November. If there is a clash with mock exams, we would need to move the tables. Dhrooti would work with Sam to see how many tables were booked.

Festival of Light – Gary agreed to contact the organisers for an ASA pitch.

Christmas Hampers – Liz and David will lead on the organisation and had prepared a timeline.

Santa Sleigh – if this goes ahead, we would be invited to join.

A bingo or quiz night would be a good idea for the spring term.

Another initiative was the Parentkind raffle, which had large cash prizes. Gary had registered an interest but it was felt this was not the right time.

6. LRC garden – an outside tap for watering would be fitted. A bench, donated by the widow of a former pupil would be presented on Saturday 4 September. There was £80 or previously approved spend and £300 Woods vouchers for this and the staff garden and this would be used once water was available.

7. AOB – Gary had received an email for a book drive. It was not clear if this was likely to be a school or ASA initiative. Gary would follow this up.

21 July – pencilled in for an informal get together and drink.