

BIRKDALE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting 15th January 2025

In Attendance

Gareth Banks, Ali Murphy (Chair) Jane Scott (Treasurer) Heather Barclay (Secretary), Karen Taylor, Mark Spencer-Scragg, Babs Davies, Andrea o Neill.

Circulation

Attendees, Apologies, BPA Page on BHS Website <https://www.birkdalehigh.co.uk/about-us/birkdale-parents-association/>

Actions from previous minutes from 9th October 2024

- Invoice for media wall submitted and paid.
- The Basketball Back Board is now in place and being used.
- GB continues to research and push for the refurbishment of the tennis courts. BD will speak to a contact she has at Sphynx Tennis club for any advice or contacts they can offer. **GB/BD**
- Discussion for the science garden continued, HB attended school with GB and a number of interested staff to discuss requirements for the garden. A plan has been drawn up and a quote was submitted by Barclay Properties. We have managed to secure some of the materials for free from local company, MKM. This quote has now been accepted and the work is planned for over February half term. A pre-work visit is booked for Friday 31st January to go over any final details. AM offered to call local skip company to see if they would offer free or reduced skip for the work. **HB, GB, AM**

Treasurer's Report

- Bank Mandate still ongoing needed for 2nd Signatuary **JS, AM, HB**
- BPA Main Account £8042.41
- 200 Club Account £5135.49
- Total £13,177.90
- BPA 200 Draw for
 - 1st Gil Bourgade £120.00
 - 2nd Michelle Lawson £60.00
 - 3rd Nick Greer £42.00
 - 4th Katie Irvine £18.00

Fundraising

- Last cake sale raised £207.00
- Next Cake sale to take place 13/2/2025, Breaktime 11.10am Request for Helpers **AM**
- Year 8 disco to be held at Greenbank in 28 March 2025.
- Year 7 Disco to be held at Greenbank 17 July 2025.
- BPA Own Clothes Day to be held 15/12 was cancelled due to another one being held for another charity, new date to be sought. **AM/GB**

- Discussion of fireworks evening, would create lot of revenue, BD helps with event at Halsall School, she will request advice and info from contacts there. **BD**
- Further push for 200 Club with numbers dwindling, Separate Email to be sent out to parents, separate to Wednesday Letter and year 7 'WhatsApp' Parents group **GB/LK**
- Discussed opportunity for ice pop/lolly sales in the summer.
- Boys particularly interested in anything about Bikes, discussed whether we can try and find some bike clothing or parts and or a bike to raffle for revenue. All to speak to any contacts they know and ask for goods. **ALL**
- Sports days to be covered for snack and drinks later in the year, dates to be confirmed.
- The creative team will be holding a show later in the year, maybe we could host refreshments for this evening. **GB/AM**
- Andrea said she would speak to a contact at Farnborough Road School regarding a bid they had won for a well being grant. GB said he would welcome another garden area in the future at school.
- Also talked about long term plans for the caretakers property to be used for SEN and Inclusion provision once converted.

Funding Bids

- Mr Banks said that the Xmas tree in the staff room had been much appreciated. Along with the Xmas breakfast for the senior team, both funded by BPA. JS to receive and process invoices. **JS/GB**
- JS to process invoice for Lottery License which will be sent from Laura Manwearing.
- Mr Banks advised members that the Creative Club would like Hoodies for their shows. Request for funding noted.
- Definate need for a new mini bus in the coming years, it would be nice if it could be partly funded by BPA, may have to be a 2nd hand one, GB has spent some time researching vehicles and mileage - on going. **GB**
- Some benches have arrived and been situated around school. Would like more benches outside, possibility for memorial bench funded by BPA, for a student that sadly passed away. **GB**

A.O.B

No other business.

Date of Next Meeting – 23 April 2025 6pm