



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT:

Ian Kellie	Chris Carter	Katie Panton	Mark Goble
Debbie Ireland	Geraldine Mark	Denise Sheldon	Amruta Hiremath
Rhiannon Schofield	Angie Petkovic	Judith Clay-Davies	Camilla Collier
Jill Smith	Gareth Fishlock	Kathryn Ponting	

APOLOGIES:

Fran Isaac	Vijay Mistry	Liz Tillott	Linda Lee
Edwina Stratford	Alan Day	Ange Humphries	Maggie Sullivan
Mike Hambrey			

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2009:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT – 2009/10:

Katie gave the following report;

The Parents' Association (PA) supports all stages of school life from Year 7 to the Sixth Form and we work closely with the school management, teaching and administrative staff, without whom our aims would be impossible to achieve.

The primary aim of the Parents' Association is to raise money to support projects or items, which help strengthen the School community and widen the enjoyment and opportunities for pupils at the School. We also aim to provide a link between parents, staff and the school by running events which create opportunities to interact socially and have fun.

Anyone with a child at the school is very welcome to join the Parents' Association; we currently have a mix of male and female committee members and volunteers. There are a variety of ways in which people get involved, from organizing and running fundraising events to helping out now and then and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts this year. Your help and support enables the PA to achieve what we do.

I want to draw specific attention to a number of people who have been at the fore front of the PA's work this year:

- Angie Petkovic and Judith Clay-Davies for organizing our first Spring Fayre and the 'Wall of Richians' buy-a-brick scheme;
- Fran Issacs for organizing Bags to School, again a first for the PA and soon to be repeated;
- Liz Tillott for organizing sales of Sutton's Seeds
- Ange Humphries who took over the running of the 100 Club this year;
- Vijay Mistry for organizing a popular and profitable Sports Day BBQ;
- Julie Goble for her ongoing organization and running of sales of nearly new uniforms;
- Suzie Burns for attempting to organise a wine tasting evening which despite Suzie's strong lead and efforts was aborted due to poor ticket sales;
- Mark Goble who is leading on the organisation of the 2010 Christmas Fayre;
- Make Hambray, Mr Carter and Ange Humphries who are in the throws of organizing the Valentines Ball for Feb 2011;
- Eric Towers for his continued management of the PA pages of the STRS website.

I'd also like to thank Mr Kellie and Mr Carter who lend fantastic support and encouragement to the PA and

also other members of the school's staff who enthusiastically support us. 2009/10 has seen the arrival of new faces to the PA and I want to particularly thank everyone for their huge enthusiasm which has certainly made my job as Chair enjoyable and has added enormously to the success of the Parents Association

Grants made in 2009/10

- Dining Room extension and refurbishment
- Sports & Affiliation fees (e.g. National Geographic society, ESAA cross country entry)
- Minibus expenses
- Storage racks for Football and Rugby posts
- Music Tuition Fees
- Completion of the Wildlife/Dipping pond (thanks to all the volunteers who turn up on the 18th Oct 2009 to help with clearing)
- Additional drinking fountains

The PA's commitment to raise £30,000 towards the extension and refurbishment of the dining room continues and Buy-a-Brick scheme for the 'Wall of Richians' will be extended until the end of 2010 at which point the bricks will be cemented onto a wall of the dining room to create a permanent display.

We have a series of events coming up in the calendar including: the Quiz and Pudding Night; Bags to School; Christmas Fayre; and our Valentines Ball (which for the first time will be a joint venture with Denmark Road).

My final remarks are again ones of thanks and this time for committee members:

- Debbie Ireland is stepping down as Minutes Secretary, thank you Debbie for your enthusiasm and for keeping me organised and everyone on the PA fully informed;
- Alan Day who is stepping down as Treasurer, thanks Al for the vital contribution you've made in managing our finances;
- Denise Sheldon and Linda Lee who run the sales of school uniforms and excel in providing a great service to the PA and to the pupils of STRS;
- Mark Goble as Vice Chair for always being ready to take the reins and for his ongoing encouragement and support;
- and, Vivian Austin and Janet Swift who stepped down as Refreshments organizers after 5 years and innumerable cups of tea and plates of sandwiches.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

No formal nominations had been received

Chair	–	Katie Panton	Proposed by Angie Petkovic seconded by Judith Clay-Davies
Vice Chairman	-	Mark Goble	Proposed by Debbie Ireland seconded by Angie Petkovic
Secretary	–	To be a shared post between Rhiannon Schofield and Geraldine Mark	Proposed by Katie Panton, Seconded by Jill Smith
Treasurer	–	Amrutha Hiremath	Proposed by Katie Panton, Seconded by Judith Clay-Davies

Katie thanked the post holders for coming forward.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2009:

In Alan's absence the following accounts were presented.

Commentary on the STRS PTA Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2010

Cash balances remained almost unchanged for the year, increasing by just £409.62. As at 31st August 2010, total cash in bank was £42.2k; Current Account (£21.8k) and the Reserve Account (£20.4k).

The largest source of income during the year was £25.4k from uniform sales. Although £31.1k was spent on purchasing uniform, £5k of this related to last year's sales and a further £5k was spent on increasing the stock held. Stripping out these two costs, results in a profit from uniform sales in the year of approximately £5k.

The second largest source of income in the year was from donor subscriptions to the PTA of £21.2k. This amount was more or less matched by Grants paid to the school of £20.9k.

Throughout the year several very successful fund raising events were organised resulting in further contributions to the PTA funds; Christmas fayre £4k, Spring fayre £1k and the Sports Evening BBQ £0.5k.

Clipper commission	
Gifts	
Fees / licences	
Donations	(5.00)
Audit	(150.00)
Flowers	(70.56)
Stock insurance	(347.39)
Lotteries insurance	(20.00)
NCPTA	(108.00)
Reserve account interest	8.17
TBI	0.00
Increase in funds for the year to 31st August 2010	409.62

Denise pointed out that the uniform purchases were inflated by around £5 as an invoice had been carried over from the previous year. She mentioned that although the in and out figures are similar, we are currently holding a lot more stock, so a profit has been made.

Katie confirmed that the £30.000 grant for the dining room will be paid to the school in two instalments.

Review of Constitution

This was given a quick review, with no amendments recommended.

AGM closed at 7.30pm