

Boosters May Monthly Meeting Verdala Middle School 2pm May 21, 2018

Sean Holt, Fiona Ambery, Anna Malang, Samantha Rowe-Beddoe, Meredith Durrant, Melanie Chadbon, Rachel Howard, Jill Kirkstadt, Jhonna Grech, Totty Arris, David Miles, Tatjana Motschenbacher, Tilla Andersson, Lisa Grech,

The meeting started at 2 pm.

Apologies were received from Gia Janks and Sylvia Dergacheff.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM INTERNATIONAL NIGHT.

Fiona announced that we sold 738 entrance tickets. When we include teachers, and young children and others who did not pay we reckon we had upwards of 900 guests at the party.

Sean read through some notes he had made on lessons learned which will be left for the incoming ExCom to consult next year. Three points of general interest:

We used very many plates. Next year the organisers might consider giving each person a more substantial plate to use throughout the evening.

It is important that there is a small team of cleaners on duty during the evening to keep the tables tidy.

We had a poor response to our call for volunteers from CAS and HS. HOS told us during this meeting that it had been decided that Booster activity was no longer thought an appropriate activity for CAS. (see below)

(Head of School and Mr Miles joined the meeting)

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW EXCOM

The nominating committee reported that they had received three nominations for the new ExCom; Jill Kirkstadt (representing teachers) Rachel Howard and Iva Plazas. Rachel said that she was hopeful of being able to find someone to make up the fourth member of the ExCom.

AGENDA FOR THE AGM

We agreed that the AGM would be held on Tuesday 5 June at 1400 in the MS recreation area. The agenda will be:

Report by chair,

Report by Treasurer

Approval of new Executive Committee members.

Any other business.

PURCHASING

Current Booster balance is E27,000. Decided that we should continue to purchase as agreed despite who signs the cheques whilst there is a handover to new ExCom.

An additional request had been received for an extra Pizza Oven plus trolley. Sean reported that he had consulted with Alun and confirmed that the electrical system in MS and ES would permit

two ovens to run simultaneously. The extra oven is required because of the increase in numbers of students in ES and MS.

An oven for the teacher's staff room in ES has been approved but to hold off purchase until refurbishment of ES ground floor has taken place over the summer.

Shading in playgrounds is a perennial request however the issue is not simple and has been discussed annually. It involves an outside contractor and this is being managed by the School.

Painting of the ES and MS play ground - much discussion about how to get this achieved without outsourcing. Anna has elected to put a parent team together to tackle one of the playgrounds. MS would like a chess board to be painted.

Sean thanked Tatjana for her work in assisting with the purchasing of items. Tatjana has purchased 2 table tennis one fixed for MS and one foldable for HS and a sports set per class of MS.

Fiona said that it was imperative that purchases are co ordinated and agreed by the School Principals.

PARENT AND TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

Sean expressed his gratitude to the teachers who attended the meeting and asked for their input about how to garner more support from teachers and parents at Booster events.

Jill expressed that if teachers saw more parents volunteering then it would encourage more participation from teachers. Johnna said that one problem is that people who do volunteer get stuck in a job and cannot enjoy the event itself.

Totty added that she had not asked teachers to get involved over the last few events as this had been done on the Google form and that this may have impacted on teacher's participation.

CAS Students

There was not a good turn out of student volunteers for International Night. David Miles explained that the CAS programme is changing as it evolves. He will be pushing to get more students to volunteer as an acknowledgement of being a part of the community as opposed to academic outcomes.

HOW TO GET MORE SUPPORT FROM PARENTS.

Smaller mixer events were suggested like wine tasting, quiz night to encourage the community to come together.

Lisa Grech suggested that a team of people take care on one specific event in this way they will have greater ownership and a longer planning period. Halloween for example could be planned now. She also asked how she could reach more High School students to get involved.

David Miles responded that more students could get involved in an organisational capacity and that the point of contact should be Sarah and David rather than Danielle.

THANKS TO LISA FOR CAR BOOT SALE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sean thanked Lisa for her efforts which had made the car boot sale and Christmas markets such a success. This effort is an excellent of an individual volunteer running with a project.

CLASS PARENT SYSTEM

Fiona said that the class parent system needed to be sorted out. If this system is strengthened then the Class Rep will be able to help get volunteers for events. She recommended that the school manage the class parent system and not the Boosters.

A briefing for the Class Parents by the new Booster ExCom and the Principals with a set of guidelines about the role at the start of the school year would be welcomed.

THANKS TO THE MAINTAINANCE TEAM

Sean asked permission to spend money to buy the maintenance team a thank you gift specifically from the Boosters to acknowledge their support and work for Booster events over the past four years.

EXCOM TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

In the past Boosters have provided welcome packs for new families. Approximately 30 new families joining. If the new ExCom wish to continue with this thought will need to be given to the subject over the summer. There are some bags/ pencils/note pads in the Booster Room but the number will need to be checked and of course a new handout will be needed

Back to School BBQ - a date needs to be decided so that it can go into the school calendar.

Totty officially thanked the current ExCom for their dedication and handwork over the past few years.