

# **MINUTES OF THE BOOSTER CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 5 2018**

## **PRESENT**

Gia Janks, Totty Aris (Head of School), Jill Kirkstadt, Fiona Ambery (Treasurer) Tilla Andersson (Vice Chair), Meredith Durrant, Ivanova Plazas, Rachel Howard. David Miles (Head of High School) Sean Holt (Chair)

## **INTRODUCTION.**

Sean, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and suggested that as Meredith had to leave for another appointment, that she start by giving a report on the Booster Shop.

## **BOOSTER SHOP**

Meredith reported that the shop was principally a service provided for the convenience of students throughout the school. It had however made a profit € 1200 during the year. The shop is currently in discussions with head of Middle School over the purchase of stationery packs for the start of the 2018/9 year. Elementary school would organise the purchase of their own stationery requirements.

## **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR.**

Boosters major task has always been to foster a sense of community within the whole school by putting on five major events during the year:

Back to School BBQ, Halloween, Christmas concert, Spring Fun Day, and International Night.

These events are very popular and well attended and fulfil many of the roles foreseen for the Boosters. Involvement, communication, encouraging volunteers, and providing facilities through fund raising.

With the increase in the student enrolment these events have become larger with 700-800 people attending the Halloween and BBQ. These are major exercises in catering, organisation, provision of entertainment, safety and security. Close liaison with the School management 3 weeks before each event to co ordinate.

In addition we provide the service of the MS& HS stationery stores open throughout the school year. During the year, at the initiative of Tanja Hetherington the previous shop co-ordinator there had been an increase in scope, activity, services offered. Thanks to Tanja Hetherington.

We also have a group of parents who do a great job preparing and serving home made pizzas to the three divisions of the school throughout the year. Recently they ran a pizza lunch for ES and are planning another for MS to coincide with a day celebrating the Italian language. Thanks to Clare Sheasby and her team.

A very successful Car Boot Sale was organised and run by Lisa Grech at the end of April popular with both school and many visitors.

As an additional way of encouraging community spirit and of raising additional funds the Boosters have an ongoing programme of selling branded merchandise to students, parents, and teachers throughout the school. Thanks to Tilla for organising this.

All of this This activity is coordinated by monthly meetings to which all parents and teachers are invited with news and the minutes of the meetings published on the Booster Web Site.

## **PROJECTS**

As always we consult with the ES and MS STUCO to hear their ideas so that we can take these into consideration when deciding what to buy. We do need people to help us spend this money: to research the market, to order goods and supervise delivery and installation.

The plan for this year is to spend the money we have raised on equipment throughout the school. Last summer vacation project was the artificial turf behind the Music room in MS and table tents tables for HS. We have just had delivered 9 more tables and 36 Chairs for the rest area beside the cafe in HS six more picnic tables in HS. This will alleviate the acute shortage of places to sit and relax in HS. We have also provided materials for some smaller seating and other projects in ES. We are currently purchasing a substantial package of playground sports equipment for Middle School.

## **FINANCES**

Fiona, as treasurer then presented the 2017/18 Booster accounts (copy attached.)

### **Financial Slide**

While fostering community spirit and communication between all branches of the school are to my mind the most important aspects of the Boosters work fundraising is a secondary objective. Money raised is sometimes seen as a measure of Boosters success but it is my belief that engendering community spirit is much more important.

As you can see we have done pretty well so far with fundraising even though following discussions with parents through our monthly meetings we have made a conscious decision to increase the quality of the events by investing in more attractions and equipment at the expense of our profits.

## **HEAD OF SCHOOLS COMMENT**

MsArris, as Head of School then thanked the current Executive Committee for their work over the past years.

Ms Arris suggested that the Boosters might like to transfer their web site to a page of the main school web site to reduce the burden of administration.

## **THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The new Executive Committee was then presented to the meeting by Rachel Howard. Rachel will take on the role of Chair with Iva Plazas as Vice Chair, Fleur de Trafford as Secretary, and Jill Kirkstadt as treasurer.

The outgoing members of the Executive Committee assured the new Committee of their support for a smooth handover of functions and the transmission of the experience gained by them over the past years.

## **REGISTRATION**

Sean suggested that one of the new ExCom priorities might be to have the Boosters register as a legal entity and registered in the Maltese register of Voluntary Organisations. This process had been started and a new statute drafted but postponed due to the uncertainties of the future role of

the Boosters and their relationship with a Verdala Parents Association. These doubts have now been resolved and the registration process can go forward.