

# Ilkley Grammar School Parent Teacher Association

## Minutes of the AGM held on 17 November 2015

### PRESENT:

Caroline Whitaker (Chair)	Lisa Ives
Julie Brett (Treasurer)	Bridget Ackroyd
Becky Taylor (Secretary)	Lindsay Gledhill
Chris Washington	Lindsay Ackroyd
Caroline Grice-Ellis	Richard Gough
Lindsey Wharmby	Nicola Breaks

### 1. APOLOGIES:

Penny Laville, Jayne Pearson.

Caroline Whitaker welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Lindsey Wharmby (Chair of Governors).

2. **Minutes of AGM 15 October 2014** were approved.

3. **Chair's report - Caroline Whitaker.** Caroline thanked Julie Brett, Lin McNamara and Chris Washington and the other 'PTA regulars' for all their help over her years as Chair.

4. **Treasurer's report - Julie Brett** circulated the attached summary showing spending up to the end of July 2015. After several years of accumulating funds, the highlight has been the distribution of almost £25k to the school on projects including a piano, KS3 shelter, artefacts, and microphones for the hall. Figures do not include the money allocated to the travel bursary. Julie confirmed that membership of the PTA UK organisation has been sorted out and paid for. Easy Fundraising Ltd quarterly payments are steadily rising - Mr Washington will ask this to be pushed again in Headline, in the hope of picking up a portion of parents' Christmas spending. The meeting thanked Julie for her work as Treasurer.

### 5. **Leadership Team's report - Mr Washington**

Matters from the last meeting: the meeting had asked for up to date photos from school of the games club (to be used for display). Mr W will also sort out laminated photos of microphones, microscopes and RE artefacts trolley; request for site team to help at car boot set up in 2016 - there are on-going changes in the personnel team but he will have a definitive answer by the next meeting.

Teaching-wise, this term has been very busy with QA for all staff and preparation for introduction of the Personal Best scheme from September 2016. Mr Washington pointed out that 'value for money' was increasingly key to IGS as school budget of £7.7m has been cut by £500k. It was agreed that the roller disco on 12 November had gone well and was a good building block for a possible rerun in 2016. The IGS Christmas celebration 'Countdown to Christmas' is scheduled for 14 December and Mr Washington would be very grateful if PTA could provide drinks and mince pies, as per last year. Richard offered to organise buying supplies. Caroline Grice-Ellis, Penny Laville and Lindsey Wharmby offered to help on the night.

### Future projects for PTA funding:

1) Tying in with the Personal Best initiative, IGS is planning to set-up the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, initially offering it to years 9 and 10. The cost of the licence is £1k per year. DofE was top of the students' wish-list when asked what they would like IGS to offer. Nicola Breaks is the DofE co-ordinator and asked the meeting if funding of £2k would be possible, to buy equipment and expertise. The meeting agreed to the request.

2) The year 11 ball is currently held at the Craiglands Hotel. There was a general feeling at the school that the students were not getting value for money and that, given the excellent new catering manager, a better package could be put together in-house. Mr Washington was therefore asking for one-off contribution from the PTA of £2k towards transforming the school / hall for the ball. These resources would be re-used each year. The meeting agreed, on condition that the ball committee help out at one of the car boots in 2016.

Lindsey Wharmby stressed that one of the key priorities, as budgets were being cut, was to ensure that all students are able to access all the 'extras'.

## **6. Election of officers**

Secretary: Becky Taylor was proposed for the position by Lindsay Gledhill and seconded by Lindsay Ackroyd. Duly elected.

Treasurer: Richard Clough was proposed for the position by Caroline Whitaker and seconded by Bridget Ackroyd. Duly elected.

No-one came forward to stand as Chair. According to PTA guidelines, it is possible to function without an elected Chair for 6 months. An appeal will go out in Headline and in the meantime, a volunteer will chair each meeting.

Lindsay Gledhill, Mr Washington and Lindsay Ackroyd were also elected as committee members.

Mr Washington suggested that as Lin McNamara (Press Officer) had stood down, Wendy Southworth (IGS Press Officer) could take on the PTA's publicity requirements.

## **7. AOB**

It was agreed that Becky Taylor would proceed with an on-line auction of promises, hosted by [jumblebee.co.uk](http://jumblebee.co.uk)

Organisation of the car boot sales is to be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

The idea of holding the next meeting at a pub (probably the private room at The Wheatley) was mooted. Becky Taylor to confirm whether the room is available on 21 January 2016.

### **Dates of 2016 meetings:**

**Thursday 21 January 2016**

**Tuesday 15 March 2016**

**Thursday 21 April 2016**

**Wednesday 29 June 2016.**