

Abbey Grange Academy PTA Meeting Tuesday 12th January at 7.30pm

REF	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Present: Marion Kemp, Pauline Kharris, Alain Wilcon, Lanve Fakunle, Lynda Walker, Tricia Stoddart, Janet Bove, Mandy Bell, Tonia Cranston, Stephanie Cassidy, Karen Simkins, Sarah Loughman, Robert Kazibwe, Mohamed Salieman, Eman Elsayed</p> <p>Apologies: Richard Raistrick, Elissa Forrest, Fran Bailey, Caroline Johnson, Susan Field</p>	
2	<p>Welcome : Marion welcomed the new parents to the meeting and explained how the meeting would progress</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting: approved</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocated funds should have been a minus figure therefore the total available funds were £1878.50 • Funding – reply from Mr Norden- He extended a thank you to PTA for offering to give a contribution towards textbooks in French and clarified that departments are holding off buying further text books until new text books are produced that cover the altered GCSE curriculum. He therefore suggested PTA could make a contribution which subject departments could bid for. This was discussed by PTA members and unanimously voted for £2000 to be donated to such funds. • Notice Board – Parent Council would also like a notice board therefore it was agreed a joint one would be bought and erected in the corridor near the main stairs. The notice board would be lockable. 	<p>Marion to email Mr Norden £2000 was the agreed sum. Members asked her to mention language DVD subscription and PE dept equipment replace/repair.</p> <p>Need to know what bids were successful so we can put it on the PTA web page/letter to inform parents where the money has gone.</p> <p>Up to £250 was agreed as a contribution to the notice board.</p>
4.	<p>100 Club Draw:</p>	<p>January winning ticket is parent of Year 12 Bolton student</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer's Update:</p> <p>Cleared funds Current Account £5579.80 Less: Allocated Funds <u>£ 451.20</u> Total available funds <u>£5128.60</u></p> <p>Winter Fair raised £2,687.93 which is more than last year despite the poor weather.</p>	
6.	<p>Feedback from Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy Bell confirmed the Fair has been a financial success and would circulate/bring to next meeting a breakdown of all the stalls income and expenses. • Lynda Walker fed back Miss Cole's disappointment with the 6th Forms donations of sports prizes for the tombola (only received 2)– this prompted a discussion about having a 	<p>Mandy Bell- to bring/email breakdown of stalls.</p> <p>Marion Kemp - will send a letter to parents asking them to bring these in at the parents evenings (first</p>

	<p>donation box alongside the refreshments for parents to donate unwanted non perishable goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity i.e. face book page, text message, email letter, twitter all helped to raise awareness about the event. Face book page was linked to external stall holders face book pages which gave greater outside interest. • External stall holders all seemed happy, some commented on what a lovely school, great atmosphere at the fair, that they would come back next year. • Members thanked Steph Cassidy for all her work on organising the fair. Steph asked if PTA could donate something for the concert band who have supported the fair over the last few years by playing at it, and £100 was agreed. • Tricia confirmed the candy floss sold well therefore may need to buy another machine for next fair. Pop corn machine was also suggested to run alongside as very cost effective. • Steph Cassidy to check cost effectiveness of increased ticket price +free drink. • Non alcoholic mulled members agreed there wasn't much interest as not on the drinks list as a free item and it was thought children won't drink it. Hot chocolate with cream/marshmallow suggested. 	<p>one Year 8 on 21st Jan)</p> <p>Steph Cassidy to send thank you card and cheque to concert band £100.</p> <p>All points to be discussed at next Winter Fair planning.</p>
7.	<p>Future Events i.e. Spring Raffle Hampers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member discussed an Easter – chocolate themed hamper or/ and a gardening- spring, seeds, bulbs, gloves hamper to be raffled. Agree at next meeting. Parents can buy tickets through Parent pay – Tracy in the office send email and text to remind parents. Draw to take place on 18th March. • Disco Venues- Members agreed we need to consult Student Council and Parent Council for their opinions ideas on venue and health and safety issues. Parents discussed the use of the school as the safest and easiest to manage venue. Parents would prefer children coming to a venue they knew and trusted. 	<p>Marion to prepare letter to be emailed to parents -Easter Raffle to be announced on 23rd Feb. Drawn on 18th March</p> <p>Tonia Cranston to bring in list of items for next meeting so members can bring in. (or email prior)</p> <p>Marion and Janet to report back after speaking to student Council and Parent Council.</p>
8	<p>Refreshments Time 5.00pm – 8.00pm Dates :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 21st Jan Year 8 – Mandy bringing milk from 5pm Steph 6.30-7.30 • Tuesday 26th Jan Year 12- Tonia bringing milk from 5pm Sarah Devlin 6.30-7.30 • Thursday 10th March Year 10 • Thursday 24th March Year 7 	<p>Karen Simkins taking over from Tonia Cranston the refreshments for the next few months.</p> <p>Karen to email request for help; Marion to forward PTA members e-mail contacts to her</p>
9	<p>AOB: A parent asked whether school had considered online text books that could be downloaded to students i pads for study/ revision.</p>	<p>Marion to bring this forward at next parent council</p>
10	<p>Next Meeting : Monday 8th February 2016</p>	