

## **Balshaw's Association P.T.A. meeting held on Wednesday the 11.9.24**

### **Charity Number 1176684**

**Present** – Julia Monks, Steve Haycocks, Steve Lomax, Tim Callaghan, Keith Woodcock, Alice Derbyshire, Caroline Burnell and Ann Brown.

**Apologies** – Lucy Lenton, Tracie Vass, Andrea Coles and Jamie McGregor.

Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members present at the meeting welcomed Caroline to the Association and introduced themselves.

1. **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 17th of April 2024** - None.

2. **#Balfest24** – Tim suggested to the meeting a review of #Balfest24 might be appropriate, members at the meeting agreed.

Items discussed – Entrance fee - Keith and Tim stated that quite a number of attendees needed change at the gate or were unable to download the app to their phones, and most pupils do not have any payment options on their mobile phones. Keith thought having an entry ticket/programme produced in school would be helpful and having a float in the office would be a good idea. Julia and Steve L discussed purchasing another card reader but as the majority of Students arrive with cash this would not help the situation.

Tim also suggested keeping a check on certain stalls takings would be a good idea to ascertain if the stalls are profitable i.e. the Pizza and Tombola stalls.

Caroline suggested that the admission fee could be increased members thought maybe having a family ticket price would be advantageous, more discussion will be needed to decide on. Julia asked members to start preparations now with attractions and stall holders they have contacts with.

Also, Steve L suggested keeping a firmer check on items purchased for the day would be beneficial, maybe looking for a cheaper alternative.

Overall, everyone agreed the day was an enormous success and enjoyed by people that attended.

3. **Discuss and agree upcoming events** - Members present at the meeting discussed holding a Halloween Silent Disco, the date will be confirmed

at the next meeting, also the food, hiring the equipment the time and Association members available will be discussed at the next meeting.

Christmas Family Fun Night provisional date of Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December was discussed.

Easter Races Evening was discussed date and more information to be decided at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting the A.G.M. will be held on **Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024 starting at 7.30pm.**