

## **BALSHAW'S ASSOCIATION P.T.A. - A.G.M. MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1176684**

Present: Steve Haycocks, Julia Monks, Tracie Vass, Steve Lomax. Keith Woodcock, Alice Derbyshire, Lucy Lenton and Ann Brown.

Apologies: Jamie McGregor and Sarah Payne.

- Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Apologies noted.

### **1. A.G.M. 2023**

2. **Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2022** - The minutes of the A.G.M. meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 were confirmed as a true record of events.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.

4. **Chairpersons Report** - Julia gave a detailed assessment of her thoughts regarding the Association during the last school year, and her hopes for the 2023/2024 school terms. (please see the attached report).

5. **Head Teacher's Comment** - Steve thanked the members of the Balshaw's Association for their commitment and continued hard work. He said that holding events out of school hours was especially pleasing and having new events like #Balfest was the way forward to improve the relationship between school and the community, and he said he really enjoyed The Race Night evening the most during the last school year, because it was our first major evening together again, and everyone worked hard with the preparations and this really paid off on the night, with all attendees having a wonderful evening Steve also said he was looking forward to new ideas for events from the Association members for the upcoming school year. He also said the school is moving forward positively with the staff and students working together in many different ways to make the school experience a positive one.

6. **Election of the Chairperson 2023/2024** - Steve H proposed Julia Monks as the Chairperson this was seconded by Ann Brown and unanimously agreed by the members present at the meeting.

7. **Treasurers Report** - Steve L, gave a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial situation ( please see the attached report). Discussions also took place regarding the £350.00 from students for the trainer day prior to #Balfest the Association members thought this money would be allocated to the Association, but has in fact been retained by the school Financial Department Steve H will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

8. **Election of the Treasurer 2023/2024** - Julia Monks nominated Steve Lomax as the Treasurer this was seconded by Keith Woodcock and unanimously confirmed by the committee members present at the meeting.

9. **Election of the Secretary 2023/2024** - Ann Brown was nominated to be the Secretary by Steve Haycocks and seconded by Julia Monks and unanimously confirmed by the members present at the meeting.
10. **Election of Additional Committee Member 2023/2024** - Tracie Vass confirmed she is willing to continue as the additional committee member for the 2023/2024 school year, this was unanimously confirmed by the members present at the meeting.



11. **Matters arising from the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – None
12. **Balfest Review** - Members present at the meeting discussed the #Balfest event and proposed improvements that could be implemented for the next time. Members thought this event should be held in May rather than July. Tracie thought the event was more up to date than the Spring Fair but less emphasis should be placed on a Musical theme and maybe a sporting event like a five a side competition could be held to run concurrently, also more stalls and they should be placed in a prominent location. Julia said she would contact the council imminently to order the Gazebos in readiness for the day.
13. **Launch bids for 2023/2024** - Julia discussed with the meeting launching the bids for funding in the various school departments, during the course of the discussion members were unsure if the 2022/2023 bids had been fulfilled therefore Steve H will investigate and report back at the next meeting.
14. **Programme of Events during 2023/2024** - Members at the meeting discussed their ideas for new events, Lucy thought holding a Silent Disco for years 7/8 would be a good idea she has already researched a company that provides all the equipment, the date of Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November was decided as an appropriate time in the school calendar.

A Christmas Quiz Night, Bingo and Spin the Bottle combined evening was also confirmed this will be held on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

The next Balfest event will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

15. **A.O.B.** - The meeting discussed funding from the Association to school to purchase sanitary products for underprivileged students, this is a continuation of the Project started in the 2022 school year, £2000.00 was agreed as the donation with further discussions at upcoming meetings if required.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November starting at 7.30pm.