

Maharishi School PTFA **Annual General Meeting – 14.04.26**

Attendees:

[Barry Spivack, Charlotte Bech - not present for voting], Carla Crivaro, Shauna Lunn, Laura Bellamy, Laura Gaskell, Sarah Phillips, Toby Mercer, Annali Hayward, Lisa Edwards

Wellness offering for families

We began with Barry and Charlotte, who had attended to tell us about the research and results behind Charlotte's work in Denmark which has been highly successful in helping children who may or may not have an ADHD diagnosis.

It is complementary and can work alongside existing treatments.

The usual cost is around £700 per family for 10 sessions. We will gauge interest as a PTFA from families who may feel this is doable for them. For those who would be interested but could not meet the cost, we would then need to engage in some fundraising and seek to apply that on a sliding scale based on income (TBC, in consultation with Barry/Charlotte/parents/school).

We'll start with a blurb in the newsletter & potentially a form/email. An introductory Zoom call with Charlotte hosted by the PTFA could be a first step. Potentially families could attend in groups. We'll check appropriate phrasing with the Business team/Governors as well.

VOTING

Barry and Charlotte had to leave, and Lisa E joined, giving us a quorum of 8 (twice the number of existing Committee Members).

1. Constitution

Attendees then read, discussed and unanimously voted to adopt the ParentKind Constitution (soon to be uploaded on the school website).

2. Committee Members

Chair

Nominee: Toby Mercer

Proposer: Carla Crivaro

Seconder: Sarah Phillips

All in favour; confirmed unanimously.

Vice Chair

Nominee: Jake Brundige

Proposer: Annali Hayward

Seconder: Carla Crivaro
All in favour; confirmed unanimously

Treasurer

Nominee: Sarah Phillips*
Proposer: Shauna Lunn
Seconder: Laura Bellamy
All in favour; confirmed unanimously

**It is noted that this arrangement is temporary until Allison Hundley-Appleton, who could not attend, can take over at the next Extraordinary Meeting, due to take place in May.*

Secretary

Nominee: Annali Hayward
Proposer: Laura Bellamy
Seconder: Carla Crivaro
All in favour; confirmed unanimously

AOB

Beltane (May Day)

- A celebration of one of the 8 midpoints in the Wheel of the Year (like we did for the Imbolc litter pick).
- Best slot is Sat 2nd May in the afternoon, at the Dome
- Could we have a May pole? 6ft?
- Crafts, games outside for kids to play – ideally related to something high quality or to the Empire theatre show, to raise funds (see ‘Empire’ section below)
- Picnic (BYO, to share). Maybe BBQ? Carla to have a look into that
- Treasure hunt – letters to an anagram or something rather than sweets
- Flower arranging for the older kids?
- A quiet music jam corner where people like e.g. May (Y8) can play guitar with friends

Newsletter

We aim to get one out within the next 2 weeks, including the maharishiptfa@gmail.com email address and ideally the Whatsapp QR code, so people can join and access events like the Dome one. We can also put it on Dojo, noticeboards, and Class Reps can also reshare the Whatsapp link.

Summer Fair

- There was some confusion with the booking date, which is now resolved: Fri 3 July
- Fair to start 2pm, run to 6pm and BBQ around 4pm. Cricket Club = £50
- Parents pick children up and take kids to the fair
- Some staff could leave to help set up around 11am
- We'll start publicising the date and sharing ways for people to begin signing up for stalls and telling friends/family/local businesses. Use SignUpGenius?
- At the next meeting, 28th April 4:10pm at the Secondary (and on Zoom), we will nominate a person to look after each area (e.g. food, stalls, entertainment). Mo anGreenman options for food (and BBQ possibly).

Year 6 Leavers:

- Sarah will poll their wishes, parents will organise and pay for the extra venue hire of 3 more hours after the Summer Fair, paying £15 per hour
- Laura G will check when they'd be able to wear a hoodie at school... parents to handle

Empire Theatre

- The coach was funded by PTFA last year £300-400... 33 kids.
 - 11th June this year - can we help at all?
 - Ceri Day doing concourse fundraiser, could PTFA pay the rest?
 - We can also put out a donation box at the Dome
 - Kids could do a specific craft for it, Alice theme at Beltane?
 - Or they could sing a song on the Dome stage for it.
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