

The Kingsway Association

Summer Term Meeting 2
Date: 26/06/23
Time: 18:00
Location: Foxland Campus

Attendees:

Anna Fowler (Head); Shaun Holdom (Chair); Debs Wilkinson (Secretary); Kate Rowbottom (Parent); Fiona Leary (Parent); Jane Grace (Parent); Pradip Patel (Parent); Claire Chadwick (Parent); Louise Helsby (Parent); Cathy Georgeson (Parent).

Apologies: Suzanne Courtney (Treasurer).

Introductions:

Two new parents in attendance this PM – Louise and Cathy welcomed.

Brief introductions and TKA overview from SH. Advised that this was an additional meeting, purely to assess where we are up to before the end of the school year.

Finance:

SH started with news that he had all accounts / paperwork. He confirmed all was reported to be up to date and accounts filed.

Current Treasurer (SC) has confirmed she wishes to resign. At present, SC and Suzie Metcalfe (previous Secretary), are signatories on the account and therefore two new signatories are required. The position of Secretary has been filled but a new Treasurer will be required for the next school year.

SH also advised that he intends to step down as Chair, although not until the end of the '23/'24 academic year - he will offer support as needed.

SH suggested that Social Media channels be utilised to publicise the TKA vacancies, prior to the September meeting. **AF Action**

Finances were reviewed based on the figures the TKA had available on 5th June '23. These stood at:

Current Account: £7,180.53
Reserve Account: £5,423.90

Discussed that this did not include recent parent donations via School Gateway, which were as yet unknown. AF to speak to the Finance team to get this information. **AF Action**

All agreed that a full review of account information and outstanding (approved) bids was required. AF to obtain bid information. **AF Action**

AF also advised that she was expecting a flurry of bids in September '23.

SH handed account to AF for Finance team to review.

Update from School:

AF talked through the restructure that is happening within the school.

There are structural changes planned, with building work taking place over the Summer. It is hoped that a majority will be completed by the Autumn term. Changes will include KS3 being based at Broadway and KS4 being based at Foxland.

PE / DT / FoodTech will be Broadway based – there is heavy investment in these faculties to facilitate this. This means only KS4 will need to move for these subjects.

Planned changes will slightly impact class size but will also reduce time lost moving between sites and therefore maximise lesson time.

AF advised that because of this, the Laser Cutter bid (Bid 2 in meeting of 17/04/23) was a priority bid that the school would like to progress and that the aforementioned changes, would result in an increase in bids. AF will request new bids from teachers in advance of the October TKA meeting.

AF Action

Communication channels is also a focus for the school, including telephony.

Meeting with parents to discuss plans has been rescheduled for Wednesday 5th July '23 where the Senior Leadership will be fully introduced.

SH suggested that TKA try to send comms in conjunction with school news about changes – encouraging new parents to support and highlighting what projects the TKA have funded to enrich student learning / development. **SH Action**

Impending strike account discussed. AF advised that she was keen that reward trips still go ahead on 04/07/23 and so school will be splitting the strike days between the year groups. TKA suggested that funds could support reward trips in the future, especially as several year groups had missed out on these due to the pandemic.

Moving forward, TKS also intend to introduce more working group involving parents and pupils alike.

Several parents queried recent issues with fire alarms in school. AF advised that a message had been issued to pupils, with clear consequences.

AF advised OFSTED report had just been received and that once school had reviewed, it would be issued to parents, likely Tuesday 4th July '23.

Next Meeting:

TKA Financial Review Meeting scheduled for 11th September '23 @ 18:00hrs

