

# The Kingsway Association

Summer Term Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Cheese & Wine social

## **Present:**

Staff - Jo Lowe, Katherine Heard, Michele Linnecor, Jill Woodyer, Rachael Wardle, Richard Knott,  
Parents - Shaun Holdom, Susie Metcalfe, Suzanne Courtney, Sarah Holmes, Kate Rowbottom,  
Tejas Shah, Fiona Leary, Debs Wilkinson, Leanne Baker, Rebecca Carter

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## **Apologies:** None

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- o The evening started with cheese & wine and chatting to new parents attending the meeting. Once seated, we all introduced ourselves to each other and gave a brief explanation of the set up and running of The Kingsway Association. It was also highlighted that from September, Susie will be retiring from the Secretary position and Suzanne from the Treasurer position (to be replaced at the AGM in September 2022).
- o **Finances** (Balance as 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022)
  - £9252.65 in the current account
  - £5391.08 in the reserve account

There are 3 outstanding invoices which totalled £3693.82, cheque given at the meeting tonight to Katherine Heard.

Bids agreed at the last meeting in Jan totalled £6326.40

This leaves us with a balance after everything paid of £4623.51 over both accounts

- o **Bids** – No bids at the meeting tonight
- o **Promoting TKA** – We had a discussion about how to promote TKA and how to increase the number of parents signing up for the termly direct debit. Once the Parent Pay link is active, a new banner with a QR code linking straight to PP would be very useful. This banner could be on display at any forthcoming events (eg, Yr7 Welcome Evening, Summer school, Yr6 Induction). There would also be an option for parents to select the amount they wish to give either as a one off donation or a quarterly donation. It was also suggested that the link to PP could be included in one of the Headteacher blogs as this reaches the majority of parents. We also thought it would be useful to share with parents what TKA has spent the funds on over the last 12-18 months. Susie to put together a summary of bids. Katherine Heard and Jo Lowe to liaise with staff who have received funding from TKA and ask for feedback and photos which can be shared.
- o **Updates from previous meeting in Jan 2022** –
  - **Parent Pay** – The ability to use PP to send payments to TKA is nearly ready to go live. Once this is up and running, school will promote the link to parents on social media and we are encouraging parents to share on any year group Facebook pages too.

- **Sensory Room** – items have been purchased for the Sensory room, it's a work in progress
- **Whole school outdoor space** – This is also still in progress and items have been agreed to be purchased.

o **Updates from the Head –**

- The weekly Headteachers Blog is great at keeping parents upto date with any school news, so not much new to report tonight!
- Jo advised that admissions for Sept are 285 with students on the waiting list. There has also been an increase in The Kingsway School being a first choice preference and includes more students with an SK postcode.
- Summer school will be running again this year, a positive and well attended week for new students, supported by a great team of staff as part of the transition to high school.

**Next meeting – AGM, Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 6pm**