

The Kingsway Association

Autumn Term Meeting
Date: 14/11/22
Time: 18:30
Location: Foxland Campus

Attendees:

Richard Knott (Acting Head); Shaun Holdom (Chair); Susie Metcalfe (Retiring Secretary); Debs Wilkinson (Secretary); Kate Rowbottom (Parent); Fiona Leary (Parent); Helene Konwa (Parent); Jane Grace (Parent); Pradip Patel (Parent); Claire Chadwick (Parent).

Apologies:

Suzanne Courtney (Treasurer)

Introductions:

Meet & Greet held before meeting. Several new parents present this evening.

Round the table introductions. SH gave overview of The Kingsway Association (TKA) and its role.

SH explained that no bids had been put forward at previous two meetings, but that there were 12 bids to review this evening.

Treasurer not available this evening to provide up-to-date figures, so committee working on figures from 26/09/22 meeting.

Finances (Balance as 26th Sept 2022):

- £6561.53 in the current account
- £5392.91 in the reserve account
- Of this, £1,384.05 ringfenced for previously submitted invoices (£284.09 and £1099.96 respectively).

Available balance: £10,570.39

Bids –

- 1) **Inclusion & Diversity** – Request for £1,500 (Interactive Whiteboard). **Rejected**. RK discussed that these are not always used to capacity and likely to be replaced in medium term. It was felt that this was an item school should be funding as a classroom resource.
- 2) **Inclusion & Diversity** – Request for £1,900 (Sensory Circuit & Storage). **£800 Agreed** toward the cost of purchasing of sensory circuit items and lockable storage.

- 3) **Inclusion & Diversity** – Request for £1,800 (Chromebooks). **Rejected**. It was discussed that TKA had supported the purchase of multiple Chromebooks in recent years and that these are for use across the school and so this department should also have access.
- 4) **PE (Foxland)** – Request for £1,950 / £2,430 (Benches). **£1k agreed** for the PE department to put toward the purchase of new benches for Foxland. TKA have previously funded several PE bids and keen to share funds across departments.
- 5) **Science** - £324.25 (Joulemeters) **Agreed**. All felt good investment for the department and prevents departmental items being transferred / shared between campuses.
- 6) **Performing Arts (Foxland)** – Request for £2,000 (Sound & Lighting). **£1k Agreed in principle**. All agreed that this would be a good investment, not only for Performing Arts, but for the site to enhance presentations / assemblies etc. TKA agreed to ringfence £1k toward this project but all agreed a more detailed plan was required, as felt a Project Manager would be needed to scope this out. RK felt new Business Manager could pick this up. To come back with more details at next meeting.
- 7) **RE** – Request for £1,000 (Textbooks / Curriculum Provision). **£300 Agreed** to help offset the decrease in funding that the Department had experienced. This amount is in keeping with the average amount being given to other departments.
- 8) **Maths** – Request for £2,000 (Sparx Subscription). **£300 Agreed initially**. More feedback required. Thoughts were that the department would already have budgeted for this as Sparx has already been rolled out, but were keen to know how budgets have been impacted and what else would be supported by TKA funding this. This bid also developed into a conversation about Sparx, where RK sought parent feedback, which was mostly positive. Main frustration was the having to log question numbers when completing, but parents felt the intuitive aspect of the programme was good.
- 9) **Attendance & Wellbeing** – Request for £150 (Soft Furnishings for Wellbeing Hub). **Agreed**. All felt this a worthwhile investment.
- 10) **Behaviour & Culture** – Request for £250 (Stress Toys / Vocational Equipment). **Agreed**. All felt this a worthwhile investment.
- 11) **MFL** – Request for £300 (Linguascope Subscription). **Agreed**. All felt this was a good investment and value for money.
- 12) **History** – Request for £300 or £900 (WWI Trenches Workshop for Yr 8). **£300 Agreed** for the shorter workshop. All felt a great opportunity for pupils.

Total Amount Agreed: £4,724.25

Other Bid Comments to Note:

SH advised several departments typically submit more bids than others. The committee were mindful of this when reviewing bids and have tried to support a variety of departmental requests. Whilst Bids 2, 9 & 10 (above) have been Agreed (either in part or in full), TKA will also promote to the wider parent / carer community, as there is the possibility that items may be donated. To be promoted on Year group Facebook pages.

General:

- o Discussed promotion of TKA meetings. Advised that it had been promoted on Facebook and ClassCharts.
- o Parent Pay vs Gateway– revisited discussion about using Parent Pay for regular TKA donations (£10 per quarter, per family).
- o General discussion about promotion of donations – most Year Groups have a FB page. **Once Parent Pay is ready, suggested message to be put out on each of the FB year group pages to make parents aware of the “suggested” donation and with details of how to donate.**
- o Proposed a calendar to diarise when to add link to Parent Pay (termly instead of quarterly?)
- o Advised that Bank Account needs x2 new signatories and that current Treasurer seeking to hand over role. **To discuss with SC at next meeting.**
- o **Updated finances / details of latest donations to be reviewed at next meeting.**
- o Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile discussed. JG advised that Amazon Smile had been successful in generating additional funds for other schools, especially with Black Friday / Christmas. **School to send reminder about Easy Fundraising.**
- o WhatsApp group to be set up with parents / carers in attendance to help with TKA planning. **JG to set up.**
- o **Minutes to go to Headteacher's PA in the interim.**

Next Meeting:

- **Mon 23rd January 2023 @ 6pm.**