

Minutes: Douglas Academy PTA EGM 4th March 2019. 7pm

Those Present: Mary-Lou Graham (Chair), Suzanne Gibson (Treasurer), Mr Kenny Gray (Teacher Representative), Anne-Marie Young, Elaine Mawer, Stefan Waclawski, Monisha Bhaumick, Michelle Stuart, Gordon Dutton, Kirsteen Dutton, Patrick Wong, Mr Barry Smedley (Headteacher)

Apologies: None received.

Mary-Lou welcomed the new parents who had arrived at the meeting and introduced everyone briefly.

Treasurers Report: Suzanne reported that the account had remained the same as the previous meeting as there had been no activity.

We moved on to the appointment of new office bearers. Mary-Lou gave a brief outline of what was expected and the types of activities the PTA has run in the past. Michelle Stuart said that if Mary-Lou agreed to stay on she would act as Co-Chair for the next year. Mary-Lou agreed to do this and nominated Michelle as Co-Chair, this was seconded by Stefan Waclawski and Michelle was duly appointed. Gordon Dutton volunteered to take on the Secretary position and was nominated by Monisha Bhaumik. She was seconded by Suzanne Gibson.

At this point Mr Smedley said he would tackle the issue of the 2nd teacher representative and would email Mary-Lou when he had someone. It was decided that we would aim for an event in September to harness all the new parent intake. Mr Smedley then gave his apologies as he had to leave. Mary-Lou thanked him for coming.

There was no need to discuss the further points on the agenda as we now have a working committee and the need to disband was removed.

The meeting moved on to a general discussion about fundraising ideas and we heard from Michelle about the Race Night they have held at her younger child's Primary School. As this was something we have talked about in the past it was decided to look at this more closely. Michelle said she would find out about the costs and Suzanne invited Mary-Lou to attend a Race Night at the end of the month that she is going to so she would have a better idea as to what is involved.

Gordon Dutton spoke about a Fireworks display and agreed to find out if the Scout venue at Auchengillan might be available. This would be a big event and would require careful consideration due to weather and potential loss.

We discussed a Smartie Tube Collection to happen next term. Stefan said he would write to Nestle to see if they would donate the Smarties!!

There seemed to be general agreement to funding the Minibus upkeep. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Patrick Wong gave Mary-Lou some helpful advice about changing ownership of the facebook page.

The date of the next meeting was set for **Monday 15th April at 7pm** – Kenny Gray said the room was already booked.

Mary-Lou thanked everyone for coming and the meeting close at 8.15pm