

Bournville School Parent/Teacher Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

3rd December 2009

Present

Lynne Harbermacher – (Chair)
Alison Lea
Comfort Osci-Tutu
Ian Mckenzie – (Governor)
Portia Lloyd
Janine Bryant
Sue Barlow
Steve Clarke – (Deputy Head)

Apologies

Barbara Easton
Lindsay Homer
Sarah Douglas
Brian Gibson– (Brian is willing to help out at BBQ's but cannot attend meetings)

Headteacher's Report

Mrs Easton was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment, but Steve reported that the school continues to do well. An Ofsted inspection is expected in the next six months. There are concerns that budgets will be cut and savings will have to be made. He commented that the school is supported by an excellent Governing body and PTA.

Treasurers report

This was kindly prepared and presented by Sue Barlow.

Chairpersons report

This was presented by Lynne. There was also a discussion about whether it would be beneficial to change from a "PTA" to "The Friends of Bournville School". This would require a change in our constitution, but would remove the exclusivity of members having to be parents of current pupils and may enable us to get more support.

- Lynne agreed to have a look at the current PTA constitution
- Portia agreed to see if there is any relevant material in the PTA info that she has
- Janine agreed to look at the friends constitution of the school where she works

There was also a discussion about whether it would be more beneficial to hold social events at different times. This might encourage the local community to attend, and to support us if we became the Friends of Bournville School.

Election of Officers

- Janine Bryant was elected as secretary
- Sue Barlow was elected as treasurer
- Lynne Harbermacher was re-elected as chairperson.
- There was no election to the post of co-ordinator

It was queried whether we need a chairperson and a co-ordinator. Steve thanked Lynne for her work with the PTA. He acknowledged that she will not keep this post long - term, and queried if we ought to begin looking for a replacement.

Any Other Business

Change of constitution to The Friends of Bournville School

This was agreed in principal. Steve suggested that we meet in January to possibly plan an event to re-launch as Friends. He will contact the “Old Griffs”, who might be happy to support an event. Ian said that the Governors might also be willing to help.

Projects

There was a discussion about what we could do to help the school. Steve said that the new site manager has some good suggestions for site improvements, for example a community garden project or an area of Astro turf. It was agreed that these would be positive things for the PTA/Friends to support.

Fundraising

Sue said that her son’s previous school had some successful events, and she will enquire about these.

Bank Signatory Form

Sue agreed to organize this.

Date of Next Meeting: - 18th January at 7pm