

Minutes 25th January meeting - AGM

Apologise – none received.

Present – 22 people including Principal Cath Smith, full board of Trustees – EG, NK-B, TB, LG, SS, IP, VM, RC, IW.

AGM – introduction of two new trustees –

Ivis Williams, mother of Susan in year 7, local councillor of Greenwich and treasurer to the Labour party. Stepping up as Treasurer – voted in and seconded by over 2 people including Eve Daniels and Neil Kennett Brown.

Ruth Casallas, Mother of Kian in year 7 – PA and administrator. Stepping up as secretary - voted in by over 2 people including Sandra Smith and Trish Bullen.

All other committee members stepped up and were voted into the board of trustees for another year – Eve Daniels and Neil Kennett Brown as Co-Chairs, Livy Gibbs, Trish Bullen, Sandra Smith and Vicky Makepeace.

Stepped down – Ian Peppiatt and Amber Hickman - thank you for your commitment this year. Ian will organise a hand over with Ivis Williams as the new Treasurer.

Full presentation for the last year and current activities by Eve Daniels – see separate presentation.

Principal's update – through slides, questions and answers - see separate presentation.

- Year 7 2023 applications: There is a shift in the way the school is perceived in the community. 509 applications for 180 places. 19.2% increase compared to last year. 184 applications for 1st and 2nd choice
- Sixth Form applications: 217 applications. 113 internal and 104 externals. 83 interested in basketball academy. 126 interested on scholars' program.
- Communications: 2022-2023 focus: website improvements: videos, information, sorting, homework information to parents. On the website there is a careers education page which presents a different job every week.
- School trips are back: trips and visits, excellence hours, sporting fixtures.
- Mid-Year assessments: expose children to take exams (practice), teach them resilience they need when facing an exam. First time that this format has been done at school.

Current concerns:

1. High number of students in homework detentions: Several parents mentioned that the detention notifications to parents are being received very late at night ie. after 6.30pm on a Friday. Action: Cath will investigate this.
2. High number of students late to school in the morning. This is link with the tiredness issue. Action: Supporting the parents on how to deal with that situation through more resources shared on newsletter.
3. Odd days of absence
4. Tiredness. Some parents mentioned this may be caused by gaming until late hours.
5. Out of school conduct.

To tackle some of the above current concerns Eve D suggested children could use the edible garden project for outside learning and so children can go outside during school hours in a safe nurturing environment. The school could research a bit more on more opportunities for outdoor learning.

350-year anniversary of the John Roan School - Cath Smith spoke about the long-term project to celebrate our 350 years (in 4 years' time) the possibility of working with Charlton House, as they are also celebrating 400 plus years and are a beautiful old building. Cath asked if there were any parents

that wanted to get involved or could share any contacts at Charlton House. Eve, Vicky and Neil all have contacts and will pass them on Cath.

Quiz Night – March 24th at Westcombe Park. Trish and Will have stepped up to run the event. Trish will create a WhatsApp group for the event and reach out to the events team for helpers before and on the night. Trish asked for some admin support for the night – please email jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk if you can help.

Lottery winners – This month the lottery winners were 1st prize with £52 went to Robson and £26 to SJ Miller. Eve to ask Tracey Arnold for contacts.

Bids from School agreed for funding – To do - Eve to update departments on the news.

- £100 towards year 12 Vetcam residential at Cambridge University – Agreed as the Foundation hardship fund matched donation and family also paid the £80 balance.
- £504 to the Maths Department for A level students - a further 6 scientific calculator (£84 each) these are signed out to students who return them at the end of A level. Means all our students are provided with a very high-end calculator, this will empower students to overachieve in the Maths A level and Further Maths