

Minutes from JRSA meeting – February 23rd 2022

Present – Cath Smith (Principal) Eve Daniels and Neil Kennett-Brown (Co Chairs), Amber Hickman (Secretary) Ian Peppiatt (Treasurer), Sandra Smith, Trish Bullen, Vicky Makepeace, Livy Gibbs, Hilja Lindsay Muwonge and 14 other parents

Agenda - minutes from previous meeting have been agreed and are all in action.

BIDS - Last month bid applications went out to Heads of Year and Heads of Departments. 3 bids in

- Ms Sumner : funding for trips & prize money across the whole school - golden tickets. £720
- Mr Duncan : year 11 prom. Supports 200+ students - reducing cost to £10 per child. £690
- Mr Garvey : raising standards across whole school.
Stationery , white boards, pens etc. (school does give these out at start of year. This money would be to replenish equipment for students)
£1126.88 (Regarding Mr Garvey's bid : there is money left over from the 120 challenge - could this be used under 'access to necessary equipment?' Can the wording of the original 120 challenge be checked over with the trustees to see if this would fit)?

QUESTIONS

Q :Regarding the 1st bid, how are the students selected?

A : not based on academic results, more to do with going above and beyond and attitude to learning.

Happy for all bids to be supported. Just need to check where stationery bid gets paid from. Cath Smith to let HOD / HOY to say departments can continue to put in bids throughout the year until money has been used. JRSA want to meet new teachers, to make sure they know what the JRSA can offer in terms of money & support. Eve to let all three departments they were successful.

Q : Ian - can we offer out bids throughout the year, rather than just once per year?

Q : how are we going to pay the departments?

A : Cath - pay bids out when invoice received.

QUIZ NIGHT

Trish - need to set a new date (Date set 20th May 22)

Can we have it in the school after Easter?

Cath - happy to talk to site staff about having it in sports hall or canteen.

Tickets will be on Eventbrite, Trish will write the quiz. Bar & raffle .

LOTTERY DRAW

275 1st prize - Rickson family

54 2nd prize - Luca & Riney

Helping other PTA's - Jane Nelson ULT works across 3 schools and helps to improve PR at John Roan. Eve presented to parents at another ULT school (Sedgehill) to explain what the

JRSA does, its roll and how it communicates to both the leadership and parent community. Also took them through the fundraising activities, social events and parent support we give.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Asking for help to fill treasurer post and secretary post
- Also need more people on our events team to support : BBQ, quiz, edible gardens etc. Need people to take the lead on events.
- Also need volunteers to do smaller roles with no less commitment such as - serving tea/coffee, uniform sales etc
- Volunteers needed to help support yr11 students with after school silent working from 4.15 - 5.15 to supervise.
- Could JRSA parents help run an early morning stationery shop? 8am - 8.20am

To do: Eve will email JRSA parents to ask and PR team to add this to next newsletter

HEADTEACHER report

- Parent / teacher group working well (currently the younger years have experienced the new way of reporting with colour coding)
- Want to explore the Arbor app - staff need to make better use of it, not all staff are using Arbor, nothing seems to be updated, you can only see detentions and behaviour reports on it. **To do** – Cath to talk to staff about their use of it and Cath would like to hear from parents about the app (TBC how they are asked for feedback)
- Changes to the newsletter - aware that lots of people read the newsletter on phones, so are needing a new format. **To do** – Cath to look at a new platform, maybe Microsoft platform such as SWAY
- Aware that teachers are being contacted out of school hours - in order to get a better work/ life balance, can emails be directed to info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk Then the emails will be directed to the best person especially for out of hours. Students can email their teachers via Satchel.
- 6th FORM - Year 13 - 48% have had offers from Russell group universities. Commitment to studies have really increased.
- LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE – The JRSA has asked if a clear structure can be shown to parents, this was presented during the meeting and will be shown in the next newsletter and on the website.
 - VP : Ms Clark, VP : Mr Jesnick Newly appointed VP Mr Farrell
 - Assistant VP's : Ms Begum, Ms Tutt, Mr Rogers, Mr Garvey and 2 new recruits. Recruiting staff for next year, with a focus on leadership.
 - New Director of English (from Ark) coming in April.
 - Very happy with appointments made so far.
- Well done to the community librarians for getting into the regional finals again, a great achievement
- Catering - the take up has dropped, school would like to talk to parents for any known reasons. Could an online survey / poll be done via Parent pay? A number of parents at the meeting added to the chat bar to give their feedback to Cath Smith including Choice, quality of food eg hardly any chicken in the baguettes, bread is stale. Hardly anything left when they get to the front and takes too long to get food, run out of time to eat.

- Jack Petchey - speak out competition. JR will be hosting the regional finals later in the year.
- Primary children will get their secondary school places soon. School will send out hard copies of information to successful children straight away and invited to open events and admission evening as well as getting the opportunity to take a tour of the school for those that missed this opportunity
- Parents were surprised when they saw Cath's job advertised. Cath let staff know the situation before parents. Her post has to be advised nationally as a head teacher post as it was a temporary post when she joined and as the school has made significant improvements it was only right to make the post permanent. Following correct protocol and Cath has been short listed - interviews next week.

PARENT QUESTIONS

Q:Yr12 parents eve - appointments with head or Mr Jesnick and not HOY -

A :This is because HOY has large classes and not able to see all parents.

Q: Hilja - was any progress made re: food bank?

A : a student will be working with the Greenwich food bank as part of her D of E. When it gets set up Hilja will be introduced to the student to support her.

Q : music lessons - some students haven't had lessons since Christmas, Why?

A ; had lots of staff & peri teachers off with covid. Parents should contact Mr Barker - head of music (cc in Cath) for more information.

Q : is there a list of after school activities?

A : this info is usually given directly to students. Cath will get it onto the website.

Q : yr 13 prom – Will they be celebrating as well as year 11s

A : Cath will talk to Ms Porter who will feedback to students directly

Next JRSA mtgs : 27th April, 13th July