

JRSA Minutes – 4th May 2022

Attendees – Eve D, Neil KB, Amber H, Livy G, Trish B, Vicky M, Sandra S, Cath S and 19 other parents (on separate list)

Apologies – Ian P

QUIZ – (Trish B) - held at Westcombe Park on Friday 20th May 7pm. Mr Garvey /Ms Porter are the quiz masters, Hilja is doing food on BBQ (first time to offer food). Tickets bought on Eventbrite £6 a person or £30 for a team of 6. Also have a raffle prize and an affordable bar. The teachers have at least one team and we are looking at selling 8 tables on the night. William Knight and Trish Bullen are the organisers and are pulling it all together. Marketing has gone out and tickets are being sold. To do: everyone push it out on social media, Trish is marketing it too in newsletters, Facebook, Twitter etc

High School Musical production (Livy to feedback) For 2 nights in April the drama department preformed an amazing production and the JRSA supported them by providing parents with a bar & raffle. Slightly different this year, the show was an hour long with no interval, so the bar was open beforehand the raffle was drawn afterwards. Bar made profits of £122 and the Raffle £104. There were issues with the lighting desk on the night - could this be something that JRSA could invest in to ensure all the lighting works correctly next time? - Yes, To do: Ms Hibbert put in a bid to the JRSA with the costs of repairing or replacing the lighting and we will consider funding this.

Edible Garden at Maze Hill (Eve updated)- over 30 saplings have been planted by our great team of JRSA gardeners. Beautiful flowers are now growing in the planters at Westcombe park too. Jack Petchey garden grant has been won by Jenny (librarian) and would like to work with the JRSA. The plan is to create beds to grow vegetables. To do: Jenny to provide the group with more information and Hayley/Nola to follow up with Jenny to show her our plan. Science /Art / Drama departments all interested in working with the Edible Garden group. If any parents want to join our gardening group just email jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk and give us your telephone number to add to our What's App group, we regularly communicate through the group and organise times to water, plant, dig and plan our garden.

Uniform sales - Nola is our Uniform volunteer. She has sorted out the uniforms and it is all storing in a large cupboard at Westcombe park. We accept clean good quality uniform, just need to hand it in at Westcombe Park to the receptionists and they will add it to the stock. We do need bigger sizes, if anyone has any to donate, please do send it in. The sales have helped lots of families already. We sell blazers for £10, trousers and skirts £2, Shirts, tee-shirts and PE kit for £1.

Year 6 admissions meeting - (Vicky) Thank you to Vicky who has stepped up to run teas and coffee table to support parent evenings, admissions evening and coffee mornings. On 11th & 19th May the school welcome new parents to fill in their paperwork, sample the food and meet a few teachers. The JRSA will be there with teas, coffees and biscuits and they will offer advice or be there to chat to new parents about their experience. If anyone can help, please come forward.

BBQ in the summer (Date to be confirmed) - Hilja and Will have stepped up to run this event and pull volunteers together. Hilja has an idea for a music act to entertain plus involving our very own John Roans got talent. To do: Eve to confirm date with Cath, Hilja to follow up with act and talk to Mr Barker about John Roan talent. Hilja and Will to meet and go through the events worksheet and pull in volunteers to run the event.

Admin (Livy gave an overview) - Too few people doing all the work - need to get more volunteers and spread the jobs. Eve has provided Livy and Hilja with a list of all the things she does to define smaller roles for volunteers to get more involved. The JRSA needs to have leads on every event, who then reach into our large pool of volunteers to split up the work. Currently we have the following areas where the JRSA are running an event or job.

- Uniform sale (last Friday of the term) - Nola Barker
- Edible Garden and site Gardening – Hayley Porter
- Staff wellbeing hampers and gifts (a buying role) - needed??
- Social Media – Trish Bullen
- Raffles – Vicky Makepeace
- Refreshments at school events and stock take – Vicky Makepeace
- Parent meet and greets – needed??
- Lottery (admin help) - needed??
- Marketing/PR/Comms - currently Livy but need new person
- Study Buddy scheme – needed??
- Managing bids – needed??
- Funding and grant applications – needed??
- Minute taking and general filing/email account – needed??

All these things are happening, but the Co-Chair (Eve) is currently doing them, can you offer any time? even if it's just to help and assist on one event or make a cup of tea. Email jrsa@thejohnroanschool.org.uk and get more involved as a Friend of the school

- John Roan Sports club – the club is where our students do their PE lessons, it is a very large sports ground with cricket, football and rugby pitches, all weather tennis, football and basketball courts, a club house and changing rooms. The club can be hired out for parties and events. All pupils are members automatically for free and parents can join for £15 a year. The board of the club meet twice a year. The JRSA sit on the board, along with members of all the sports clubs that use the club. They need two student reps to join two meetings a year and let them know what students need as well as how they can help the club. It is a great thing to have on your CV that you are part of a decision-making board and can have an input into a community run sports club. If your child is interested in taking that position, please email the JRSA

Lottery winners - 1st place - £52 Sandra Smith, 2nd place- £26 SJ Millar – email JRSA to collect your winnings

HEADTEACHERS UPDATE

- Thank you to JRSA for all your support over the term.
- Jack Petchey's "speak out" competition (before Easter) was a fabulous event, hosted by the John Roan, which was a real privilege. We had wonderful speakers and musicians and did really well at this year's finals.
- High School Musical was fantastic, Ms Hibbert and the drama team were thrilled to be able to perform across two days on stage at Maze Hill. There were a few technical issues (2 yrs. of equipment not being used, hadn't realised it wasn't working) but the JRSA may be able to help repair or replace the lighting equipment.
- Community librarians through to finals of the Goldsmith's Community award and have been recognised for all their community work.
- Fun and culturally enriching activities are going ahead at last:
 - yrs. 7,8 & 9 will be taking part in an adventure day (mostly funded by the JR Foundation)
 - yrs. 7 - 10 - opportunity to go to Braithwaite. There is a hardship fund available for those who need it. All places have been handed out to the lucky students
 - Box Clever Theatre Company are doing Macbeth for yr. 10 performed at Maze Hill by 3 actors
 - ELO trip for drama and music students to see My Fair Lady
 - Dof E expeditions are happening this week for Bronze and Silver
 - Tate Gallery visits
 - yr. 11 boat party – dates booked in July
 - yr. 13 prom plans – dates all booked
- Biometrics to return to school - Over 300 lanyards have had to be replaced, will therefore be returning to Biometrics for lunches and entrance to school for students in year 7 to 11. Permission

is needed by parents ASAP so ready for September. If parents don't give permission students will be given a pin number.

- Uniform - Whitehall clothing has been taken over by a new company (Khalsa Schoolwear) - still competitively priced. JK continue to be the other uniform provider for us. A uniform grant is available. Correct length skirts should be available now. Those students wishing to wear a skirt will now be able to choose one of two styles, and they must have the logo. Unbranded trousers ok. The optional PE sweatshirt will be changing to a quicker drying fleece which will have the school crest on it. On Sunday 10th July we will be hosting a pop-up uniform shop (Khalsa) JRSA volunteers welcomed for this. To do: Eve to reach out on the uniform group and see if we need any more volunteers
- Hardship fund (for trips) and uniform grants are available if people are struggling. The Joan Roan Foundation fund these. Email info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk if you need to apply for the grant
- Quiz - hopefully there will be a SLT team joining the event
- Staffing - (transfer window) staff can resign up until the end of May. This month the school will hear who is planning to leave. In every school staff leave for promotions or change of work life scenario and we are no exception. Leaders are recruiting for September and have been successful with most of the positions already.
- Founders Day - hoping to have live streaming - will ask the Foundation for help with funding. The students will be attending live at St Alfeges Church this year but those who will not fit into the church will be able to watch the event in school as they did last year.
- Exams - an intensive time at the moment. Understand that it is a challenging time especially for yr. 11/13. Exams are spread out across more weeks this year to give students more time to revise in school. Students are expected in school as normal in-between GCSE exams and additional revision sessions are given to students at 7.30am before the morning exams and 3.15pm.

QUESTIONS

Q: celebration of achievement ceremony that was cancelled for last year's 11s and 13 students- what now?

A: trying to find the best way to celebrate, many year 13 students are at university now and not around. Certificates have been handed out and students welcomed into school for photos but nothing formal has been organised yet

Q: 6th form - how are places decided?

A: pupils apply online and can check available courses, they must obtain certain grades to take certain subjects. JR contact previous schools for references and will offer conditional places on predicted grades. Very frustrating for schools as pupils can put several school options down and they don't need to make a decision until results day. The deadline has passed, but the school would still look at late applications. If students want to make a late application, they need to contact the head of 6th Form, Elly Porter