

Minutes from JRSA meeting 27th June 2018

1. Natasha Harris has now officially handed over as Chair of the JRSA.

A huge thank you to her for all the hard work and good cheer she has put into the JRSA. Many thanks also to Diana Greaves who is stepping down as Treasurer. Sunny Warrington confirmed she is taking more of a back seat however she is still happy to help out with marketing where she can. Sunny has worked on social media (she set up the JRSA Facebook page) and has also organised the JRSA Easy Fundraising scheme to help us build up our fundraising.

2. Eve Daniels and Julie Keating are the new Co-Chairs, - Amber Hickman and Ruth Cracknell are staying as Co-Secretaries, Mandy Warren is the new Treasurer and Sunny has spoken to a parent about taking on the Facebook page and possibly the Easy fundraising

3. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

a) Cath Smith wants to focus on the school and its pupils rather than the political situation. She is keen to keep up the much-improved communication between the school and parents. She is hoping to send out key information mid/end August with a summary of the school's development/ training plan, monitoring / long term planning / age appropriate learning.

b) Year groups have been doing question level analysis / GL assessments to find gaps in learning, so that this can be rectified.

c) Cath has had meetings with SLT about effective line management. In some cases lessons are not challenging enough. The Behavior policy has been improved but there are inconsistencies in the implementation of it and further work is required.

d) The school is still over-subscribed and Cath has been visiting local primary schools to build relationships.

e) Exam predictions - The school has put in lots of work on standardising predictions and the results this year should be close to the predictions (in English and Maths). It is nationally harder to predict for other subjects.

f) *i*). Cath is going to put a set of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) on the school website. To include:

- Information from the Department of Education website regarding Academisation.
- Summary answers from the UST meeting last week eg: Priorities for school, Trustees, UST constitution and a link to their website.
- Expected timescale.

ii) It is important that correct information is being seen by parents, as there has been some

misinformation regarding the JR Foundation and UST. (There is concern about what will happen to the buildings going forward and whether there will be an 'asset transfer'. It is understood that the buildings will be loaned to the Trust not given a 125 year lease. If the Trust leave the school they don't keep any property or assets, the Foundation keeps everything). Cath will be speaking to the Foundation lawyer to get clarification regarding this and information will be on the school website.

iii) If parents have any other questions, Cath is happy to be emailed.

g) There is concern that the school is in a kind of 'limbo' at the moment regarding funding. It is difficult to get funding in place while changes are ongoing. (What support can the Greenwich LA give in the current situation?)

h) Strikes - Cath will let parents know in advance about arrangements made for strike days. She is trying to make the impact of strike days fair across all year groups. As a positive - lots of good quality PSHE workshops have been running during the strike days.

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: Can the Easy Fundraising details be on the website and given to new parents at the start of each new academic year? Eve to Email details to Tracey Arnold – Head's new PA with a letter to explain the process and links added to facebook and the website.

: Parent Pay email requested for next week re: BBQ July 6th – already sold 60 tickets

`It was noted that people going to the BBQ can bring salads and puddings to share if they wish. Would also be helpful if picnic blankets are brought along.

: Aike Kennett Brown have loaned us a BBQ and we have bought a fire extinguisher and fire blanket to cover risk. ED and NH are both fire officers and ED is a first aider.

: Founders' Day - 13th July for children, dates to be confirmed for parents.

: JRSA needs to have information on how we were set up and details of the constitution to go on the school website. Mike Freeman offered to do some research and look into it.

: Natasha to talk to IT contact at John Roan to move both Julie and Eve over to the JRSA email and to update the website to make our presence more dominant

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