

3 Sep 09

MINUTES FOR A GPA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2 SEP 09 IN THE NELSON ROOM

Present:

Katie Browne	Chair	KB
Jill Horsburgh	Headmistress	JH
Richard Dain	Deputy Head	RD
Nick Hiddleston	Potential Member	NH
Kevin Flynn	Bursar	KF
Andy Hollingshead	Member	AH
Martin Musgrove	Member	MM
Sarah Shiers	Member	SS
Judy Staples	Member	JS
Angelika Stephenson	Member	AS
Derek Valentine	Potential Member	DV
Tony Rock	Secretary	TR

Apologies:

Caroline Dutson	Member	CD
Dee Haas	Member	DH
Sangita Patel	Member	SP

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1	Welcome	KB welcomed everyone and introduced Nick Hiddleston and Derek Valentine who, as potential Committee members, had been invited to the meeting.	
2	Minutes 14 Apr 09 and Matters Arising	<p>Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SS confirmed that due to a lack of support the wine tasting evening on 12 Jun 09 had been cancelled.• KB confirmed that the GPA Banner had been purchased and was on display at the Bucks Fizz tent during Speech Day. She expressed the Committee's thanks to DH who had personally procured and funded the Banner.• RD confirmed that self-defence awareness for the girls was included within the PERSIL scheme• KB provided an update on the Godolphin postcards, which are selling well. Any cards remaining will be available for purchase at the Housemistresses Supper on Sun 27 Sep 09.• The Committee expressed some concern with the costing for the Bucks Fizz tent at Speech Day (over £1000). That said, it was acknowledged that parents	

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		see this as the main GPA event of the year. The format for 2010 Speech Day is being reviewed by the School. Once outline details are agreed the Committee needs to confirm GPA arrangements to support the event (to be included as an agenda item for Apr 2010).	Sec
3	Headmistress	JH drew attention to the revised 6 th Form Programme - details of which will be provided in a booklet. She also gave an overview of the recent A Level and GCSE results (a letter was sent to all parents on 27 Aug 09). In particular she wished to highlight that 95% of students had been offered their first choice of university.	
4	10 th Anniversary of the GPA	The Committee agreed that an event marking the 10 th Anniversary of the GPA should take place in the Summer Term of 2010. The intent is to combine it with a farewell to the Headmistress. KB agreed to approach John Kelly (a parent) with a view to setting a date (ideally on a Sunday evening). Details, including School support, the Salisbury Cathedral events calendar and local parking arrangements need to be considered.	KB+RD
5	GPA AGM – Fri 20 Nov 09	KB agreed to invite Lesley Hodgson (6 th Form Co-ordinator) as guest speaker. The Committee agreed that the AGM should consider increasing the annual GPA subscription to £5 per term (currently £7.50 per year).	KB Sec
6	House Supper – Sun 27 Sep 09	Following some discussion regarding Parent Mail, it was agreed the School will send a post invitation to all parents regarding the House Supper. Catering options are to be provided for the Chair's agreement – a light supper is required. It was requested that in future the Autumn School Calendar includes the date of the Supper (date to be the Sunday of the September Exeat).	KF
7	Ring Round for New Parents	TR outlined arrangements for the Ring Round. He will produce a list of those parents to be contacted by individual members of the GPA. An aide memoire was issued outlining what things could be included. Ideally parents should be contacted during the 3 rd or 4 th week of this term (particularly useful to remind parents of the House Supper event on 27 Sep 09).	All Ctte
8	Bonfire Night – Fri 6 Nov 09	Following last year's success, it was agreed that parents should again be invited this year. The Bursar is in the process of reviewing the event, including how the night is to be funded. Once his review is complete, an invitation will be issued to parents.	KF
9	Presentation Mornings	Dates for the two presentation mornings this term were confirmed as Fri 2 Oct and Fri 20 Nov 09. GPA Committee members who are able to support the mornings are requested to contact JS direct.	All Ctte
10	GPA Committee	KB and TR detailed Committee arrangements for the coming year. AH and MM will stand down at the end of their 3 year term in Nov 09. Until future work arrangements for the current Secretary are known, it was agreed that AS	

