**Gillotts Parents Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 21st November 2019**

**6.30pm at Gillotts School**

**People present -** Denise Williams, Janette Mooney-Nyangiti, Caroline Jacob, Richie Fraser, Louise Loumont, Stephanie Wheeler, Catharine Darnton

**Apologies -** Naomi martin, Ailsa Robinson, Erin Banks, Jade Meredith, Julie Green, Kate Holden

**Minutes from the AGM 2018 -** Agreed and passed

**Welcome from Chair -** 2018-2019 has been another successful year for the Parents Association (PA). We’ve made a contribution that’s far greater than our number. Thanks to everyone involved with the PA who turns up, helps out and clears up afterwards!

**Chair’s report**

PA Fundraising events

* Another successful quiz night with funds raised though ticket sales, bar and Lucky Dip boxes. This is the PA’s largest fund raiser each year.
* The online auctions have been successful in raising in excess of £1000. The auction is available for all members of the school community to bid on, not just those attending the quiz night.
* The Summer BBQ was attended well by Pioneers and their families. The feedback was very positive from those attending. We hope to encourage more support from students to help out on the evening next year.

Support for School Events

* We provided bars and refreshments for the Christmas Carols at St Marys, the KS3 drama performance, the Arts Spectacular and the Summer Concert. Support for these events from our PA volunteers has been great and a massive thanks to them for helping.
* We had great support from parents for the ‘Hot Desk’ event at the school Careers evening. Positive feedback from all those involved. It’s a great opportunity for parents’ skills, knowledge and experiences to be shared with the pupils. We hope to see this as part of the school calendar in the future.

Community Fundraising Events

* The PA provided stewards/volunteers at the ‘Moon landing’ event in the summer helping to collect over £1000.
* We also supported the Living Advent event and in return Mayor Lambert made a generous donation to the school including funds raised on the night.
* We have asked to be ‘kept in the loop’ about the Lions Swimathon 2019/2020 as we missed out this year.

On-going Fundraising

* We continue to promote the School Fund.
* We continue to promote fundraising via AmazonSmile.

Goodbye and thanks to Alex Baker and Janette Mooney-Nyangiti for your amazing contributions during your time on the PA.

A special thank you to all those on the Premises Team for all their help and support over the last year. Without them many of the things the PA does would not be possible.

Following communications going out to all parents, via email, newsletters and Facebook we’ve had very little response for new committee members, in-fact only four. None of which wanted to take on any of the ‘Officers’ roles. Denise suggested she would stay on as Chair, if voted for, until July on the proviso that someone acted as Vice Chair and started shadowing the role.

**Secretary’s Report -** In September our secretary, Naomi Martin, was involved in a traffic accident and has been unable to be involved since. She is some time away from recovery and will step done this year.

* We have 185 on the PA’s parent database.
* We should be GDPR compliant following a check in September.
* Caroline Jacob has done sterling work keeping everyone informed via the Facebook Group.

**Treasurer’s Report -** Quiz night funds have contributed to another successful year of fundraising for the PA. The PA has spent around £11,000 pounds over the last year providing;

* New guitars, ukuleles and performance keyboard for the Music department.
* The refurbishment of benches around the Quad and under the shelter by the canteen.
* Flooring around the previously installed table tennis tables.
* Basketball nets for the pupils to use during breaktimes.

The PA bank account has approximately £7000 in.

**Headteacher -** Thanks to everyone, especially to the Denise, as the PA has thrived since she’s been Chair and to Janette for all the hard work being treasurer. Voiced that a void would be felt if the PA disbanded due to lack of interest of new members joining and Officer roles not being able to be filled. Spoke about the continuing success of the School Fund and very grateful to all those that have and continue to contribute to it. Pleased with the suggestion of Denise staying on as Chair if a Vice Chair could be found to support her. Will talk to pupils in an assembly about the items which have been donated through the PA.

**Election of Officers**

Chairperson: Denise Williams, nominated by Caroline Jacob and seconded by Richie Fraser. Denise duly elected.

Treasurer: Richie Fraser, nominated by Louise Loumont, seconded by Denise Williams. Richie duly elected following Janette Mooney-Nyangiti’s resignation.

Secretary: Caroline Jacob, nominated by Denise Williams, seconded by Stephanie Wheeler. Caroline duly elected following Naomi Martin’s resignation.

**Meeting concluded at 7.30pm.**