

**Minutes of Colchester High School Association AGM
Friday 30 September 2016**

Action by

1. Apologies

Received from Ruth Bean, Amanda Nieuwenhuis, Jenni Tyler and Louisa McCrae.

2. Highlights from the past year

EW gave an overview of the past year's activities and handed out a report to all those present.

3. Financial report

PN handed out the financial report for 2015/6 including details of items spent over the past year. This includes £5,000 for a new playground shelter which will be built in October half term.

Our current bank balance is £16,422 but £8,345 of this has been committed from the last CHSA meeting in May. This leaves £8,077 available to spend.

4. Election of Officers of the Committee

EW provided details of officers who were standing down:

Corinne Bishop – Chair

Emma Wallace – Secretary

Paul Neville – Treasurer

Laure Le Floch, Sonia Whitlam, Bev Maynard and Ruth Bean from the Committee.

All other Committee members remain.

The new Officers were nominated and elected:

Vanessa McMahon – Chair

Katharine Evans, Natalie Napier, Jenny Stokes – Vice Chair

Helen Clarke – Treasurer

Emma Wallace, Faye Sephton and Joanne Bradley to join the Committee.

The full 2016/2017 CHSA committee is therefore as follows:

- Vanessa McMahon as Chair; Katharine Evans, Jenny Stokes & Natalie Napier as Vice Chair/Secretary; Helen Clarke as Treasurer
- Staff Committee members - David Young, Catherine Bickersteth, Stephen Burridge, Andrew Croydon, Lisa Milburn, Liz Hill and Victoria Groves
- Parent Committee members - Jo Davenport, Chantelle Firkins, LeeAnn Hubbard, Julie Kokkinos, Louisa McCrae, Amanda Nieuwenhuis, Ana Sanz, Faye Sephton, Jenny Stokes and Emma Wallace

5. Update from the new Chair

VM gave a brief overview on how the new Chair/Vice Chair role would operate and outlined forthcoming events. These include:

- Friday 14 October – CHSA meeting to discuss the Christmas Bazaar
- Friday 2 December – Christmas Bazaar
- Wednesday 7 December–Friday 9 December – Christmas present room

VM asked for ideas from Senior school parents as to what the CHSA could fund for Senior school pupils. She also called for volunteers to man the CHSA stand at the next Open Mornings on Tuesday 18 October and Thursday 20 October.

6. Funding requests

Item 1 – Football goals

Requested by: Mr Newcomb

Cost: £526

Description: A pair of new football goals for the upper playground, to be used for after school football club, GCSE PE and school events. The goals requested will fit on the current hanging brackets on the fence.

Item 2 – Author visit for World Book Day

Requested by: Miss Harrison

Cost: £1000

Description: Visit from well-known author Jeremy Strong for World Book Day.

Item 3 – Les Miserables Music Workshops

Requested by: Mrs Romero-Fernandez

Cost: £680

Description: Opportunity for members of the Senior Production Club to attend drama and music workshops run by professionals from the West End production of Les Miserables. To tie in with a visit to see the show in London.

Item 4 – Young Voices

Requested by: Mrs Romero-Fernandez

Cost: £1220

Description: Trip to the O2 in London for Year 6 & 7 pupils to take part in the Young Voices event.

Item 5 – Wristbands

Requested by: Mr Rayner

Cost: £177

Description: Rubber wristbands to be worn by all pupils on school trips. The bands will have the mobile phone number of trip leader printed on them.

Item 6 – Year 13 Leavers Gift

Requested by: Dr Georgiou

Cost: £127

Description: A gift for each member of our final cohort of Year 13 students – a signable book containing photographs and comments page.

Item 7 – Numeracy Ninja

Requested by: Mr Croydon

Cost: £72.43

Description: Rewards for Senior school pupils as part of the Numeracy Ninja programme – a fun way to engage with maths.

Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 were approved in full.

Item 4 was not approved. It was felt that this is no different from any usual school trip and parents should pay the cost of £20 per pupil.

6. Any Other Business

- Mr Newcomb thanked the CHSA for the Geography mural, which the pupils loved being part of creating.

7. Date of next meeting

- Our next full meeting will be on Friday 3 February 2017. There will be a planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar for those who would like to help out on Friday 14 October 2016, 8.40am in the Refectory.