



Colchester High School Association
Wellesley Road,
Colchester, CO3 3HD

Termly Committee Meeting: Summer Term 2019 Minutes
Date of Meeting: May 24th
Venue: CHS Refectory at 8.40am

Attendees: Helen Clarke, David Young, Chrissy Drake, Caroline Nicholls, Murdo McLellan, Nicola Bennett, Faye Sephton, Dean Rogers, Joanne Riddle, Emma Wallace

1. Apologies for Absence – Murdo

Apologies sent from Liz, Alison Bielecka, Katharine Evans, Jeni Tyler, Jessie Freeman, Hazel MacLennan.

2. Highlights from Spring Term - Murdo

We ran a movie night which was very successful and popular. The children were able to vote for their film too which they also enjoyed!.

We had the Mother's Day stall which was also very successful and profitable.

The CHSA also ran the Easter egg hunt and gave every child in the school a chocolate treat or Easter egg. This was to say thank you to everyone for their support.

The CHSA funded and sold refreshments at the Lion King. Mr Young thanked the CHSA for their financial support and their time, plus the brilliant effort from the Production Club. Such a joy to watch and for children to participate.

The CHSA also ran Popcorn Friday on the last day of term, plus we had a Second Hand Uniform Drop where we collated 5 bin bags of uniform – thank you to everyone who donated.

All of these efforts raised over £1500, after expenses.

3. Financial Overview – Helen Clarke

Helen talked through the financials over the last year. It was noted that some are income was banked later so that is shown in the accounts.

We have £13.7k in the bank but there are bids still to come out from other bids. We have around £6.5k available to spend.

If you have any queries, please contact CHSA@colchesterhighschool.co.uk



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4. Funding Requests

Approved Bids

- Mrs Goodwin requested £500 for activities for a Cognita Be Well Day. The specific activities have not been researched. Once decided these would be presented back to the CHSA to finalise funding. **AGREED TO FUND**
- Mr Collins would like to fund medals for a running club. Request is £200. Request that lower school have a similar club with shorter distances. **AGREED TO FUND.**
- Miss Door requested £60 for Oxfam speaker to do 2 sessions so they understand about global citizenship. It would be for all of the lower school. **AGREED TO FUND**

Declined Bids

- Senior school bid from the Maths Department for Year 11 Maths In Action which is £1140. This is only for 50 children. Comments were that it is a trip and other trips are funded by the parents. Therefore the principle remains that parents should fund trips. **DECLINED**

Deferred Bids

- Mr Rose requested £623.86 to start a Drone club called Airgineers. They would programme, build them during after school clubs. It would be for the senior school only. They would do inside. Helen will look into the school insurance. **AGREED TO FUND IF INSURANCE IS CHECKED.**
- Miss Door, Mrs Maclennan and Mrs Smith request about £750 for the lower school to have dancing sessions themed around a country. Questions were around cost for what you get. Once final costs confirmed we will then re review. **DEFERRED**
- A request for a WOW art project funding for about £1k. We would like more detail before we make a decision. **DEFERRED**

We also talked about if we should also have agree something large to fund next year. This would then help everyone to focus on a big prize.

The gardening club have removed the requirement for their £300 for the shed as there is no longer an allotment. They will also consider requesting a bid for other plants around the school such as window boxes.

5. Upcoming events - Faye

Summer Fayre:

We talked through the key points about the Summer Fayre- stall requests have been sent out, raffle tickets ordered and donations requested for the craft stall, toys to sell and additional raffle prizes. Further comms will be sent out prior to the day for further support.

The gardening club will be running their stall. CHSA have offered to buy plants for the club to pot and sell.

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Father's Day Stall:

We will again be running the stall for 2 days in June. Thank you again to Cara Wild who has sourced the gifts.

Prep Sports Day:

We will support and provide snacks and refreshments at the event.

We will also look to do more Popcorn and/or Ice-cream Fridays.

Note that the Break the Rules Day has been postponed until the Autumn Term.

6. Date for the next meeting

The September date will be confirmed in due course.
Thank you for your support.