

Minutes

Oasis Academy Hadley

First General Meeting

of the

Parent Friends Association

Thursday 12th January 6:30- 7:30pm

In the Academy Learning Resources Centre

1. Welcome- Lynne Dawes, Principal

Welcome and introductions from Principal Lynne Dawes

Lynne Dawes welcomed parents and thanked Deborah Reid for all her hard work in organising the PFA's first meeting.

2. What it is like to be part of the PFA? – Sian McDermott

2.1 Sian McDermott, Phase 1 Learning Director, talked of her experiences in setting up and being part of a PTA at her son's primary school.

- The PTA firstly consisted of three mums and two dads
- Parents wanted to raise money for the school so they could have funds to build or buy equipment that would benefit all the children

2.2 Sian McDermott explained the difficulties in recruiting parents to join the PTA. Parents want to join in the fun activities but are sometimes reluctant to help with the organising of events or attend meetings. The PTA was a success because they had the backing of the Head Teacher of the school concerned.

Some of the ways the committee raised funds for the school was by:

- By having a hot chocolate stall in winter time for parents and children
- Bingo night – raised £500
- Christmas Fate – raised 2000
- Pampering sessions
- Coffee mornings for parents of reception class (annual)

2.3 The PTA has its own:

- Constitution
- Job descriptions for the Chair, secretary and treasurer of the PTA
- Bank account
- Charitable status

As the committee grew the PTA were able to have two parent representatives from each class and appointed five fundraisers.

The PTA has raised £1300 in the last months.

3. What will our Association be like?

3.1 Two groups brainstormed their ideas on paper.

Both groups wanted to create fun activities for both parents and students to take part in and to build a stronger community link.

3.2 The Principal explained that the biggest challenge the PFA will be encouraging other parents to take part.

3.3 The principal explained what the HUB is and the benefits it offers Oasis Hadley and the wider community. The Principle introduces Kat Simmonds as the Hub coordinator.

4. Proposed structure of our PFA- Lynne Dawes

Proposed structure for the PFA:

- Three people will have specific roles. These being Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- There will be a minimum of two committee members and a maximum of 12 at this early stage.
- The PFA which stands for, Parents and Friends Association does not necessarily have to be called that. This can be discussed in the first committee meeting. The title needs to be inclusive of not just Oasis Hadley but also the wider community.
- There will be a three minimum committee meetings a year which are conducted in a formal manner.
- Minimum six committee members must be present to cast a vote in any given decision.
- The PFA will have a separate account from the Academy which will be managed by the PFA appointed Treasurer.

5. Adoption of the Constitution

The constitution at present has been recommended by the PTA UK. The PFA committee members may choose to adjust or change the constitution as they become more established.

6. Election of officers

The roles of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were outlined

- Two candidates for the role of the Chair.
- Sam Webb was the sole candidate for the role of Secretary and elected unopposed.
- No candidate for Treasurer.

Both candidates for the role of Chair gave a brief speech as to why they should be voted for.

Results

Deborah Reid	PFA Co-Ordinator
Daboikiabo Davies	Chair of the PFA
Sam Webb	Secretary of the PFA
Sherrise Farancis	Treasurer

Committee Members

Toni Cleveland	Bill Webb
Esther Rowe	Emma Short
Kolawole Ajose	

Committee members to be voted in

Syreeta Davis	Olley Ceesay
Shabana Ali	Hawa Osman

Deborah Reid has invited Yvonne Treves, PTA adviser for London to speak about what a PTA involves and to answer any questions committee members may have.

Date of meeting: Thursday 26th January 2012

Time: 2 –3pm

Venue: Oasis Academy Youth Centre

First committee meeting date is to be held on:

Thursday 9th February at 6:30pm

Close of meeting