



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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1. **Opening Remarks from the President:**

Clarissa Ourabi welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed she would chair it instead of James McNamara, who did not attend due to illness.

2. **Present:** Jacqui Davis, Jenny Price, Clarissa Ourabi, Jane Arnold, Martin Boyce, Tanya Spilsbury, Penny Bamber, Liz Page, Kathryn Chapman, Hana York, Sue Small

Apologies: James McNamara, Gail Mann, Pete Heath

3. **Minutes of AGM held on 19th September 2018:**

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted as a true record.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

Jacqui thanked everyone for another successful year which has involved 9 meetings, 24 events and a total of 285 man hours. She gave a special mention to the committee members and thanked them for their support.

She forecasts challenges ahead in terms of technology – improving our communication methods (which include Facebook & ParentPay) to promote the PSFA, get more people involved in more events to ultimately raise more money for school.

New events may include a clothes swap.

Easyfundraising offers a lot of scope for fundraising if more people could be encouraged to sign up.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Total net income for the year (before bids): £8286

Payments to the school for successful bids: £9337

Closing assets at the end of the year: £5009

Martin presented the accounts to demonstrate how funds had been raised and where bids had been spent. 20 separate bid requests have been fulfilled this year. The biggest expense was prize day book tokens. Bids have also included money for workshops on social media, bullying, drugs and mental health, text books, a personalised school gazebo, sports kits and foreign language dictionaries.

Quiz and Chips remained the most successful fundraiser, followed by non-uniform days and then bars/refreshments at school productions. Whilst Easyfundraising income continues to increase, some events raised less than previous years, such as the bar at the summer production.

6. President's Report:

Clarissa presented statistics to show that the 2019 summer GCSE & A-level results were the best ever. Every child from both years got onto their chosen post-16/18 option. Progress8 was particularly high for Year 11 students.

Clarissa confirmed that planning permission has been granted to double the size of the 6th Form Centre and that it will be finished by September 2020. The next site project on the horizon is expected to be replacement of the F-block roof.

She thanked the PSFA for their ongoing support.

7. Election of Committee Members:

All current committee members are to stay in their posts except for the Minutes Secretary, Jenny Price. Jane Arnold was proposed by Jenny Price to take over this role, seconded by Liz Page.

8. Questions:

Tanya Spilsbury raised the issue of whether we should consider getting the prize-giving books from somewhere other than Waterstones, as Amazon prices are often cheaper. Over a discussion it was felt that taking a student into the shop to choose a book was a good experience and the potential additional cost was worth paying.

Penny Bamber reported that this year's staff social committee is very active and requested the use of PSFA bars for staff social events. This would not require PSFA volunteers to run, just for Pete Heath to ensure sufficient stock is available.