

MINUTES OF BHSA MEETING

May 4th, 2022, 8pm

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies from non-attendees, none sent in.
3. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
4. Review of the Activities during the Spring Term and recent BHSA endeavors.
 - The term started with Covid precautions in place, which meant we couldn't do much. However the Spring Party a big hit, with lots of families attending. The event worked very well.
 - Our Mothering Sunday Surprise Gift was our most popular activity to date!
 - Secondhand Uniform Sales. Junior and senior school sales continue. We ask for more senior school donations.
5. Future Events.
 - Summer Term – we are planning a Jubilee 'street,' party, and bringing back Camp Night, this time with an afternoon festival element to appeal to more families. On both these events the respective Events Teams are doing well, and tickets will go on sale soon.
 - We hope to be at the senior school soon, and have been asked to support an event in early June, something we hope to do much more of in future terms.
6. Class Reps & Communications Update.
 - Regarding the communications we send out, we are aware that whatever method we use, be it email, school texting system or Class Rep Whatsapp there are always some people who say they didn't want it/didn't get it/didn't read it. It's impossible to please everyone all the time, but the BHSA tries to communicate well with the parent group.
 - A new 'announcement,' system is being looked into whereby parents either opt in or out of it. It would simply send info, there would be no opportunity for chitchat.
7. Financial Report from our Treasurer, Simon Chambers.
 - Since September the BHSA has raised in excess of £27,700.00 across all events and activities.
 - The BHSA has committed approx. £30,000.00 to the school, and raised further money for external charities from the Mothering Sunday activity and the DEC Ukrainian Biscuit sale.
 - There remains a further £21,000.00 to spend which will be 'in the pot,' for the bids that about to be discussed.
 - Mrs Skevington commented on the fantastic efforts by the BHSA and the parents in raising this amazing amount especially with Covid factored in. The school is still very much focused on the junior school playground improvements but it has been very difficult to get contractors to even see the site, and then quote. The school has some great ideas including a fitness trail which will be added to the things the school has been able to action from the successful BHSA bids such as the potting shed and the games tables.
 - Rob Ryan agreed; the maintenance team are working hard to get the contractors in. He confirmed that to date the school has spent £6000.00 of the BHSA money

committed to them via the Bids system. The Eco Club has done very well and fully spent their financial gift, as did Robotic Club. The suppliers of the cricket nets [from the autumn bids] are also still being chased as the school is keen to get these.

- Mrs Chandler-Thompson said the pond is really lovely, and it's things like this that really help the more quiet clubs such as Eco Club offer the girls a calming environment to be in.

8. Discussion of New Bids

- Mrs Skevington talked the group through the bids as listed on our website for a week previously, explaining that each bids would benefit the girls tremendously, from more the more practical composting bins to take the leftovers from the girls' morning snacks to the harps that would offer all girls a rare chance to see if such an unusual and expensive instrument suited them
- Mrs Chandler-Thompson talked us through the seniors bids in a similar fashion.
- The BHSA appreciates that the school has had a very busy term and that putting together these bids was no mean feat.
- Invitation for questions/thoughts on the bids before voting opened and would continue for one week – no questions or points raised.

9. Any Other Business, there was none.

10. Close.