

# Minutes, BHSA Zoom Meeting - Spring Term 2024

## January 17<sup>th</sup>, 8pm

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Review of Last Term's Events
3. Upcoming Events
4. Call for Volunteers
5. Financial Update
6. Discussion of Bids
7. Any Other Business

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair, Natalie Sensier Renaud (NSR) welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting for the BHSA spring term 2024.

#### 2. Review of Last Term's Events:

Kate Chandler (KC) provided a summary of the events held in the previous term, including:

- Fireworks** event, which was highly successful in terms of ticket sales. This is a big community get together, across both schools, and raises lots of money too.
- Wreath Making** at Christmas, which saw increased attendance due to doubling the capacity (and still a sold out event) It's an important event as both senior and junior parents attend.
- Christmas tree sales** and **Joy Swap**, both of which generated profits and are highly popular. Joy Swap was a new event and we had a lot of feedback saying the quality was amazing, and ticket price of £10 provided excellent value.
- Charity Christmas cards** sales at juniors were good too, & seniors had a Christmas card design competition in collaboration with the BHSA. **Christmas gift** sale, mostly for seniors but also the juniors joined in, was very good, promoting green values, thinking of others and lots of fun for the students.

NSR reported huge sales for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Online Shop** this term alone.

- 440 orders placed and over 1200 items sold.
- Parental support of this both through donations and purchases is hugely appreciated.
- This activity connects with the school's environmental considerations and our community values surrounding re-useability and sustainability
- A reminder was given that donations should only be of excellent quality, washed, and should conform to the rule that you wouldn't be embarrassed of your child still wearing it (if it still fitted,) as many donations do not meet this criteria and have to be binned sustainably, which is a waste of volunteers' time.
- A request for parents who can make scrunchies was made, to use up material from school dresses that cannot be resold.

#### 3. Upcoming Events:

KC spoke of upcoming events for the current term, including Quiz Night and Mothering Sunday.

- Volunteers were requested for Quiz Night and for Mothering Sunday.
- Volunteers once again requested for the Bar Team, as much needed.
- Liz Pratt introduced the **School Fete** for this year, & requested feedback on last year and new ideas from parents to continue to develop the event this year. LP asked for lots of volunteers for the day of the event, Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 4. Call for Volunteers:

A call was made for volunteers to step into officer roles within the BHSA, particularly targeting early years and key stage one parents.

#### 5. Financial Update:

The Treasurer, Louise Robinson (LR) provided a financial update, highlighting the success of the past term's events in generating income for the BHSA.

- LR highlighted a total addition of £13,000 to the bank account during the autumn term. Efforts to keep costs down were emphasized.
- All events have proved a financial success, something the SLT has tasked the BHSA officers with, without compromise on community building across all areas and groups of the school.
- LR highlighted the need to find additional ways for parents to contribute to the school, especially if they are unable to attend events. Ideas included setting up fundraising platforms like JustGiving or Pay Roll Giving to ensure time poor parents who have expressed a wish to support their young person's school charity with money are not excluded.
- There was consensus on the importance of exploring various fundraising platforms and their potential benefits. However, there was also a call for sensitivity when introducing this, which LR agreed was paramount.

#### 6. Discussion of Bids.

Discussion this year's school bids for the BHSA's £42,000.00 (approx.) available to spend, to the benefit of the students

- There was concern that whole school should have ample access to the proposed climbing wall, and that it won't just be for external parties to hire
- The diverse array of bids for across junior and senior schools reflecting both academic and pastoral care was noted and appreciated by the parent group.

#### 7. Any Other Business:

- None.

#### Closing Remarks:

- Acknowledgment of the collective effort and support from the BHSA community.
- The Chair encouraged continued involvement and contributions from all parents.