

Minutes AGM 1st November 2022

Officers Present:

Chair: Kirsty Leedham

Vice-Chair: Kathryn Scott

Treasurer: Tara Stagman

Secretary: Jenny Clawson

1. Welcome from the Chair

Kirsty opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending.

2. Apologies

Kate Morris, Sue Murray, Allie McLean, Jeanette Parker; Kirstie Moat, Shana Harrison

3. Approval of PTA AGM Minutes 3rd November 2021

The Minutes of the last AGM were accepted as read.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Chairman's Report for 2021/22

It has been an honour to serve as chair for another year, working with a team of hardworking, committed, and enthusiastic teachers, school staff and parent volunteers and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us plan, organise, deliver, and support our fundraising activities during 2021/22.

I am particularly proud of the PTA team who have built the second-hand uniform sales so successfully and as a result, we have been able to provide uniform for HGS families in need. It is important to identify ways of reducing waste, and the uniform sales provide the ideal opportunity for the school community to recycle and reuse, and we continue to encourage parents and students to have at least one piece of preloved uniform.

Another highlight of the year was the official opening of the McHugh Building and Student Garden. The PTA are very proud to have supported the garden and we were recognised in the national Parentkind awards, winning the 'Changing the Life of the School Award' 2022.

After being involved with the PTA for the last seven years, I am stepping down as chair and am confident that whoever steps up into this role, is inheriting a strong and vibrant PTA, and I wish them all the very best.

6. Treasurer's Report

This year we have been able to resume some of our usual fundraising activities following the gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Our income achieved in the year from fundraising was £14,745, almost three times the value achieved the previous year. Our approved expenditure in the year of £15,994 made use of funds accumulated over this and previous years, and this led to net outgoings in the year of £1,378. We have maintained sufficient reserves for our ongoing activities.

Our income in the year was generated by the following key fundraisers:

Burns Night	£5,867
Second-hand School Uniform Sales	£4,228
Quiz Night	£3,556
Raffle	£622
Music Concert	£308

The following approved bids and requests made by the school for the benefit of the children were paid for in the year from available funds accumulated over this and previous years:

Musical instruments for new music rooms	£5,076
PE Department – gym equipment	£4,409
PE Department – rugby & netball post protectors	£1,915
Non-fiction books for year 6 transition summer school	£687
Non-fiction books for year 7/8 for 2022	£1,807
Votes for schools (50% of subscription cost)	£600
Further donation in the year to the Student Garden	£1,500

The following requests have been approved in principle but not yet paid out and funds have been set aside to cover these costs:

PE Equipment	£1,450
Susie Rymer Fund for Music donation 2020/21	£500

Many thanks to those who participated in this year's fundraising. It all helps!

We welcome our new parents and look forward to some super social events with the opportunity to raise more funds to benefit the children in our school.

7. Election of Committee Members

The following were voted in to hold office for this coming year:

Chair: Rhona Johnston

Vice Chair: not appointed

Treasurer: Angela Wilson

Secretary: Naomi Hall

9. Any Other Business

None

Kirsty closed the meeting at 7.15 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.