

Minutes from EGM for the Friends of Braunton Academy

16th March 2017, Aspire Library, Braunton Academy

Present:

Mick Cammock, Sally Piper, Mary-Anne Redstone, Tonia Huckstep, Gisela Hale, Gill Woodward, Yvonne Salmon, Marion Burrell

1. Apologies

Denise Austen, Katie Hagley

The previous committee have all resigned and therefore this EGM has been called to vote in a new committee.

2. Election of Officers

Chair **Mary-Anne Redstone**

Nominated by Marion Burrell, seconded by Tonia Huckstep and voted in by the majority.

Secretary **Marion Burrell**

Nominated by Mary-Anne Redstone, seconded by Tonia Huckstep and voted in by the majority.

Treasurer **Sally Piper**

Nominated by Marion Burrell, seconded by Mary-Anne Redstone and voted in by the majority.

Vice Chair **Tonia Huckstep**

Nominated by Mary-Anne Redstone, seconded by Marion Burrell and voted in by the majority.

3. Proposed Changes to Banking Arrangements

Sally has offered to undertake the role of Treasurer through the school. She suggested that the school bank account is used, although the "Friends" will be a restricted fund, meaning that it is kept separate to the school's income. This also means that we can use Parentpay (a small fee is payable for this). The auditors and the bank both have no problems with this and it will go to the Governors for approval at their meeting next week. The "Friends" accounts will then be audited within the school accounts.

As the school is an Academy, it is also a Charity. Sally is also looking into the possibility of a "donate" button on the school website for the "Friends" so that people can make donations to us, as we are a Charity Aided Foundation.

4. Proposed Email Address for Friends Association

We agreed that it would look more professional when sending out emails if they came from an account linked to the school. It would also make it easier for people to find us and email us any ideas they may have. Mr Cammock will arrange for this.

New email address will be parentpartnership@braunton.academy (*see change of name point 5)

5. **Change of Name**

As there is now a new committee, we discussed the possibility of changing the name from "Friends of Braunton Academy".

Mr Cammock is keen to amalgamate the "Friends" with the Parent Partnership meetings that are also held at the school. He remarked that the "Friends" committee does not merely exist to raise funds for the school, but should also be there to enrich the children's' lives at the Academy.

Gisela was concerned that it would be difficult to change the logos and paperwork, but Mary-Anne said that she has it all on disc and it would be easy to do. We will keep the tree, but merely change the name. Mr Cammock told us about the tree and recycled tin fruit that will be situated by the main school reception so it links well with that.

It was agreed that we will now be called

Braunton Academy Parent Partnership (BAPP)

6. **Constitution**

Mary-Anne showed us the current constitution, which has not been updated since 2008. We agreed to accept the constitution as it stands and the objectives remain the same. However, the details need updating to reflect the school's change in name and the new name of the Friends.

We will send an email to everyone stating that the new committee would like to adopt an updated constitution at the next meeting which is Thursday 20th April. Any objections should be made by Wednesday 19th April. The current 2008 constitution and proposed new one are available to view on request. The updated constitution will incorporate the change of name to the school and group running the "PTA".

7. **Charity Commission & NCPTA**

Sally will update the Charity Commission with our new details. Marion will inform the NCPTA (Mary-Anne to give her the relevant paperwork for this).

8. **Facebook Page**

Marion is happy to be an admin on the Friends/BAPP Facebook page. Mary-Anne will ask Denise Austin to update the page to reflect this. Gisela said she appears to be an admin, but is not sure why.

9. **School Dates to Support**

Mr Cammock will email Mary-Anne with a list of dates that the BAPP can support over the

school year i.e. Sports Day, Parents Evening etc. The new yr 7 parents are invited to special Parent Partnership meetings in September/October, which would be a great opportunity for some of us to attend and try and encourage more parents/carers to help us.

Mr Cammock will send out an email encouraging people to get involved, this will include our new email address so they can message us directly and sign up.

10. **Funding**

Mr Cammock explained the current funding crisis. The Academy is an excellent school, with terrific children, but with the imminent loss in funding, cuts in certain areas will have to be made. We need to come together to support our school and our children and to focus and preserve our community culture.

“Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school.”

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 20th April 6:30pm Aspire Library

Come with ideas to get parents more engaged in what the school is doing!