

Notes from Fundraising meeting 08/02/2018

Present: Mary-Anne Redstone (Braunton Academy PP), Lara Potter (Braunton Academy PP), Sally Piper (Braunton Academy Staff and PP), Bridget Oliver (Braunton Academy Staff), Dave Hartnoll (Braunton Academy Governor), Rachel Collins (Parent), Jill Woodward (Parent), Darren, Phipps (Parent), Mimi McAuley (Parent), Martin Greenbank (Parent), Katie Cotton (Peripatetic music teacher), Michael Zeale (Braunton Rotary), Ray Hanson (Braunton Rotary)

Apologies: Amy Cassells (Braunton Academy), Jim Jones (parent), Sarah Crossland (parent), Nicola Clark (Parent), Shelly Kerslake (Parent), Raksha Greenbank (Parent), Kirsten Moore (Parent), Becky Davis (Parent), Sophie Kerslake (Peripatetic music teacher), Kay Lapish (parent), Sarah Conacher (Parent), Noel McPhearson (Parent), Tracy Elliott (Braunton Academy Governor)

Thanks for coming!

It was great to see so many people at the meeting and so many others interested in being involved with some fundraising for the Academy music department. A “wish list” has been produced by the music department as per the attached and at the meeting several suggestions were discussed. The following outline some of the ideas we talked about along with the contact details for the person leading on the item so that others can get in touch if they would like to help with certain matters. All help and ideas welcomed.

Fundraising Gigs/Events

Darren Phipps is keen to arrange some fundraising gigs/vinyl nights at SRS and The Cricket club. Katie Cotton was keen to support him with this. Dates and details to follow

Action: Darren and Katie – contact dscphipps@aol.com

Rotary Support

The rotary explained that they are unable to support curriculum-based matters, so any applications made to them would need to be for extracurricular support or funding for specific individuals. They suggested that we contact North Devon Sinfonia who Rotary recently supported with some funds, and ask them to do a fundraising gig at the Isaac Hall. Funds raised at this could then support the school orchestra items from the list. Perhaps the school orchestra could play a number or two at the start of the concert. In addition, the Rotary suggested we contact Jennie Tomlinson from Red Shoes Music for a slot on stage at the Braunton Fair where we could have some collection buckets. A name was also given for us to have a stall at the fair.

Action: Mimi - contact mimiandandy@outlook.com

Sponsorship

Rachel Collins suggested approaching individuals who have links to the music industry and the area who may offer sponsorship or support. She and Jill will compile a list of possible contacts and connections.

Action: Rachel and Jill - Contact racheljcollins@aol.com

Instrument Donations

Katie Cotton said that for the instruments that were on the wish list, it was very likely that some of these could be sourced via donations or cheap section hand options from Facebook selling pages and similar. She suggested that the pianos should be electric pianos rather than upright so that they would not have tuning problems and could be moved easily.

Action: All to keep an eye out for instruments and contact Amy Cassells to check suitability acassells@braunton.academy

Student Busking

To raise the profile of the Academy music department in the community and to involve the students, we discussed the possibility of regular Braunton Busker slots. These could be held on the community space in front of the countryside centre on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. We need a group of parents to take this on, contact the parish council and organise a rota of buskers so that not everyone is tied to being there every Saturday.

In addition to the busking in the village, there are possibilities of busking in Barnstaple High Street and perhaps in holiday parks in the holiday season. The BAPP have offered to provide collection buckets and an official school banner.

Action: Someone to lead this please?

Crowdfunding/Justgiving/Online appeal

We discussed setting up an online appeal and agreed that this should be for a specific item on the list. Sally Piper will check with Mick Cammack that this is ok to do and then we need someone happy to liase with Sally to set this up in the name of the BAPP as it is a registered charity. It could then be shared via various social media sites and hopefully attract donations from the school community and wider family and friends.

Action: Someone to lead this please?

Other Suggestions

Goldcoast – Bridget will contact the organisers to see if there were any opportunities to fundraise at their festival this summer.

On The Road – Dave suggested that parking at On The Road festival could be for a donation for the academy.

Action: Bridget to contact Goldcoast.

Music Department Wish List (in priority order)

Item	Price (per unit)	Desirable quantity	Notes	Potential total	Possible Funding Source
2 tier (layered) Music work station	£250.00	10-12	To save space and reduce cramming of equipment. Cheaper when bought in bulk	£2,500.00	Crowd funding/online appeal/Just giving or similar
Keyboards for classroom work	£140.00	Upto 12	It may be possible to get MIDI keyboards (below) as an alternative instead, to save space. Cheaper when bought in bulk; compatible with Macs!	£1,400.00	Students fundraising events
MIDI keyboards for classroom work	£100-200	Upto 12	For use with computers only; though this may be a way of saving space if possible	up to £2400	
Piano(s) for practice room(s)	£?-£2000	2	Prices range depending on quality	Anything from £800+, unless we have any kind donations!	Try for donations/cheap second hand first.
Drum kit(s)	£350-£650	2	Prices range depending on quality	Anything from £700+, unless we have any kind donations!	
Orchestra stands	£252.54	3	Unit price' is for a box of 8 - Cheaper when bought in bulk	£750.00	Rotary application and Sinfonia gig - not curriculum related so Rotary more likely to be able to support.
Trolley for above	£151.35	1		£150.00	
Orchestra light stands (for stands)	£4.99	20	Cheaper when bought in bulk	£100.00	
Mac Suite	up to £25,000!!!	1	Very expensive-.a bit of a dream at the moment! There may be cheaper alternatives that I am looking into, when I get chance!	Upto 25, 000!!!	Grants and Bid applications