MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY PTA MINUTES – 11th January 2018

PRESENT: Jane S (acting Chair), Sara (minutes), Salpi, Jacqui, Angela, Annie, Nathalie, Terri APOLOGIES: Julie, Charlotte, Mandi, Nicky Payne

1) Chair's Welcome and apologies.

2) FINANCE UPDATE

Current balance is £16,217.391 with £194.48 unpresented cheques. Last year's accounts need to be audited. Sara to speak to Jane B. Bonnie (?) has agreed to take over role of treasurer – this needs to be clarified.

3) NO MATTERS ARISING

4) REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Mary Morrissey – requested £280 to buy art materials for Y8 Gifted and Talented – this had already been agreed in May 2016, but not taken up by Art Dept. Charlotte has let Mary know that the funds are there.

IT Dept are looking for funding of 18 Apple Macs in the new 6th form music room. This wasn't a formal request for funding, but "a feeler" to see if the funds were possible once the new building in complete. The cost would be between £7-14k.

Annie suggested we set up a £100 hardship fund to use for students from low-income families to help them with buying lunches, uniform, books, etc. It was decided that we would give this a trial run from now until the end of the school year to see if its used. Annie would look after the funding.

Chris Paice requested funds to buy a 2nd hand golf buggy. We agreed that he could spend up to £1250 on the purchase.

5) FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS

- Toy Tombola in December took approx. £199.00
- Uniform sale in January sale took £268.30

6) NEXT EVENTS

- Y7 Disco Friday 2nd February. Charlotte has booked Da Vinci Hall. Charlotte to check with Miriam with regards to teacher help on the night. Angela to steer the co-ordination. Sara to buy soft drinks & crisps. Charlotte to make up "posters" for Parentmail. Last year we had too many helpers because a lot of the parents stayed at the school whilst the disco was on, so we may not need a great deal of PTA helpers on the night. Possibly two or three at the most to man the "cash" desk and refreshments and to help clear up afterwards.
- Quiz Friday 23rd March. Da Vinci Hall is booked. Richard Atterton is quiz master.
- M Festival Saturday 30th June. Volunteers required for set up on 29th June, during the festival (maximum 2 hour stint) and clear up on Sunday morning.

Next meeting :- Wednesday 14th March - tbc

Key dates for your diary:

SEPT 21st – Open Day – from 5pm

NOV 7TH – AGM & PTA meeting– 7.30pm 17th – Quiz night

New parents who came to the meeting tonight were as follows:

Nathalie Johnson Y7; Sally Balkwill Y9; Lula Besana Y7; Coroline Gibbard; Jackie Metcalfe; Terri Clarke; Angie Colman; Josie Marsh; Nicky Payne.

Parents who couldn't make tonight, but are interested in coming to next meeting : Clare Hawkins & Richella Wijingaarde.

Welcome everyone!