



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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## Minutes of the PSFA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

### 1. Present:

Jacqui Davis, Tanya Spilsbury, Jenny Price, Clarissa Ourabi, Martin Boyce, James McNamara, Satwant Panesar, Miranda Mills, Jane Arnold, Matt Price, Pete Heath, Liz Page, Yiling Lu, Caroline Stalker.

**Apologies:** Gail Mann.

### 2. Minutes of AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted as a true record.

### 3. Chairman's Report

Tanya, on behalf of Jacqui, thanked people for attending and explained about the role of the PSFA. The aim is to raise funds for the school. This money is then used to help purchase equipment, provide annual prizes and rewards, and fund talks and workshops as requested by the staff. It also provides a social link between the parents, staff and friends of the school.

The PSFA has a committee that meets monthly where events are organised and bids for money are made on behalf of the staff by Clarrissa. Everyone at the meetings can vote to accept or reject the bids. There are many more people who volunteer their time to help at events, to whom the PSFA are extremely grateful. Any parent, staff, or friend of the school is considered part of the PSFA, and all are welcome at the meetings. There is no obligation to volunteer or long-term commitment required, but all ideas and help are really appreciated.

### 4. Treasurer's Report:

Martin produced copies of the accounts which had been independently examined over the summer by David Parkin.



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Balance at the end of July 2017 - £6060.74  
Total net income for the year (before bids) - £8301  
Payments to school for successful bids - £6438

The year marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Ecclesbourne School. In addition to the 31 routine fundraising events, there was an Anniversary Ball at Pride Park which raised more than £12,000. These funds went directly to the school so were not included in the above net income.

As well as organising the Ball, the PSFA continued to run raffles and bars at most of the school events and concerts. The Quiz and Chips evenings were as popular as ever and raised a record amount. The non-uniform day and second hand uniform sales also raised good amounts. Easyfundraising.com was established and continued to raise money when registered supporters shopped online.

There have been many bids this year that the PSFA were delighted to be able to fund in addition to the annual commitments of book vouchers for Prize day, cinema vouchers for attendance, merit ties and Christmas trees. These included specialised calculators for A'level maths, sport equipment, a visualiser for the Art department and textbooks for the Business and Economics department.

## 5. Headteacher's Report

James McNamara first thanked the PSFA for making a difference to the school. He said that stability within the school was important. In September 2018 there had been only 6 new staff as Ecclesbourne had good staff retention, and in the school's 60 year history there had been only 4 head teachers. He said that it was important to maintain successful traditions from the past whilst keeping the school forward thinking. The governing principle of the school remains "To make our school even better".

The academic results from the summer were the first for many new GCSE courses. Although difficult to do a direct comparison with previous years due to the different grading system, the results remained impressively consistent and the students made very good progress from their entry levels in year 7. Despite the financial cost of AS levels leading to many schools stopping the qualification, this cohort will continue to study for 4 AS levels at the end of year 12, dropping to 3 A levels in year 13.



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## 6. Election of Committee Members

The following were elected unopposed to serve the committee:

| Post              | Member          | Proposer     | Seconder        |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Chair             | Jacqui Davis    | Liz Page     | Tanya Spilsbury |
| Treasurer         | Martin Boyce    | Jacqui Davis | Liz Page        |
| Secretary         | Liz Page        | Martin Boyce | Jacqui Davis    |
| Publicity Officer | Tanya Spilsbury | Jacqui Davis | Jenny Price     |
| Minutes Secretary | Jenny Price     | Karen Lawley | Jane Arnold     |

## 7. Questions

Miranda Mills asked if the publicised cuts to education funding is having an impact at Ecclesbourne School. Mr McNamara answered that school funding has become tighter, but the school anticipates this and so has planned and spent carefully to reduce the impact. The school's main financial expenditure is staff wages, but James believes that recruiting the best staff is important and worth paying for. The school has been able to continue to improve the buildings and facilities, and has used external funding when possible. Future plans do still include an extension of the 6<sup>th</sup> form block, and building new and refurbishing existing science labs. However, as the funding gets tighter, the amount of money able to be carried over is inevitably decreasing year on year.

## 8. AOB

The PSFA constitution was last updated in 2013. It was decided to be checked to ensure it was still appropriate and updated with signatures of the current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This was agreed and signed.