

St Thomas's School Board of Trustees Minutes of Meeting held in the Staffroom On Tuesday 16th March 2021

1. Present:

Michael Maher, Michael Morton, Georgia Houlker,

Claire Fromow

- 2. Open & Welcome Meeting opened at 6.30pm.
- 3. Apologies

Jake Shand, Claudine Crabtree and Richard Klipin

4. Guests

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5. Declare interests None

6. Previous Minutes

The Board resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on 16th February 2021 are a true and accurate record.

G Houlker/C Fromow

7. Correspondence

RSM re audit

Email from previous parent thanking school for their support.

8. Action List

Board training review to be carried over to next month.

Landscape contract still to be signed – G Houlker to follow up.

Summary of graphic annual plan to be carried over to next month.

9. Financial Report

To date 40% of the budgeted donations for the year has been received. Accountants have recommended not to decrease the depreciation within the budget. ESOL budget will come in in 2 allotments and will be less than last year due to fewer students.

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10. Principals Report

A discussion about whether there will be any sports teams going to AIMS this year due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 lockdowns and whether it will be safe to attend a large gathering with students, took place. It was also discussed how best to manage the risk of losing deposits on van hire, accommodation etc. The Principal will speak to other Principal's in the area to gain an understanding of what they will be doing. Will think about considering doing alternate years at AIMS so that productions can be run as well.

Copier contract is up for renewal at the end of April. Quotes are coming in now.

Health & Safety - Risk Review

Health & Safety to be included on the work plan.

Survey Y6 and Y7 parents re Y7/8 decision

A discussion around the demographics of the school's community and the difficulty of young families being able to rent or buy in our zone has led to a drop in the roll. Other local schools are experiencing the same issue with their rolls. A lot of the new building developments in the area are being aimed at retirees.

The school will continue to offer innovative programmes such as the STEAM, music in schools and other exciting learning opportunities.

Access to School Policies

Chair to check with C Crabtree what this is about.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.

Next meeting: 13th April 2021 6.30pm

Signed:

Michael Morton

Chair

Date: 13 Apr 2021