

Ratified Minutes of the Community Meeting held on 22nd September at 4 pm Upper School

Present:

Mrs Nicky Cusack (NCU)
Mrs Lucy Monk (LMO)

Mr Mark Lynn (MLY)
Mr K Pitts (KPI)

Clerk: Mr John Malkin

Item		Action
1	Apologies: none	
2	Declarations of Interest a Governor may have regarding any item(s) on the agenda; none	
2a!	Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Mr Mark Lynn was elected as Chair on a temporary basis. New committee members will be actively sought from other more numerous committees.	
3	Approve FGB Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd June 2009: the Minutes were approved as being a true record of the meeting, and duly signed.	
4	Matters Arising: none	
5	Update on publicity avenues; KPI told of several sources of assistance, such as local supermarkets, but felt the relationships with the new Observer editor needed extra input. Indeed, it is more fruitful to send material to the paper, rather than rely on their reporters turning up. The school website is there for enquiries. The local Lyons were committed to Helenswood becoming a "LEO" and LMO felt this might link with the D of E concept of volunteering. A "Ladies Circle" invitation to LMO was in the offing. LMO felt that schools actively working together was obviously the best way forward, and in the light of much-improved exam results, had noticed a better atmosphere at the recently convened Heads Forum. There was a distinct willingness to sustain the momentum. Liaison with local primaries is greatly to be encouraged. A discussion ensued on marketing strategies, centering on the possibility of asking a teacher to undertake this role. However, LMO pointed out that teacher responsibility posts are only for the learning process, and thus no teacher could be directed to take on extra duties involving publicity. A good advert for Helenswood is the forthcoming show, and discussions are taking place as to who might be approached to complete the event.	
6	Update on funding research; KPI took Governors through the various sources of funding, and alluded to the increasing difficulties of tapping into national sources of revenue as the Olympics draw ever closer! MLY suggested approaching Sport England. A lottery bid had been unsuccessful, though KPI did not agree with the reasons for rejection. Magdalen & Lasher Charity donated £1800 and £1500 was received from the Excellence Cluster. A further bid is in place with the Excellence Cluster, due to convene in November. This funding will be used to support the Youth University first term. Other potential sources of income are the Young People's Fund, the Philip Lawrence award (citizenship), and a possible partnership with UCH. MLY asked what funding was needed to be able to continue to run the Youth University. KPI has budgeted about £3000. More funding means less charging and consequently more student participation. NCU asked about the Princes Trust, and that local private schools such as Buckswood would want their students to be gainfully employed out of school hours. Helenswood hosted the Transition Summer School – funded and led by the excellence Cluster. LMO shared to the Excellence Cluster's approach to have charitable status, which might pay dividends, in securing funding, which we are currently unable to access.	
7	Extended services Toolkit for governors: Module 4; Time was pressing and it was agreed that this vital topic would be an agenda item at the next meeting.	Clerk Agenda item – December
8	AOB. MLY has kindly agreed to attend the Extended Services training, due to be held at	Clerk to

	Helenswood on October 22 nd . Word from CfBT is that at present there are no takers from any school and the clerk agreed to liaise with all parties in the next few weeks. It seems unlikely that the training will take place. The TOR will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.	inform. Clerk to organise
9	Date of next meeting: Tuesday December 1st at 4pm Lower School	Clerk/ Chair

The meeting closed at 16.55.