



Tuesday 8 April 2014
Outcomes of PTA Meeting

Present: Eve Hannaford, Sue Gatenby, Grainne Duffy, Kay Bell

Apologies for absence: M. Regan, Bill Gillow, Luanne Bussey, Simon Hannaford, Rachel McAllister, Rosie Bairstow, Bernard O'Brien, Carmel Clarke, Margaret Livingston, Carol Park, Jane Bower, Rachael McAllister.

Minutes of last meeting: as read

St Patrick's Night Ceilidh – Friday 14th March

- Disappointing ticket sales on the night – KB mentioned that the publicity might be a problem as there seemed to be a lack of awareness of the event from some parents. However, many posters were displayed around the college and in local stores/parishes and stickers were in pupil diaries. It was agreed that the night was very successful and enjoyable for those attending and the dance demonstration was excellent and available if we need them next year.
- Question is whether St Patrick's Night itself should be changed to another social event in future?

College Re-union Class of 98 – and also another Class of 74!

- Nicola Gilbert (Hammond) has recently contacted EH to apologise for the delay in contact but unfortunately she is having difficulty getting all her friends to commit to her planned reunion on Saturday 3 May because it is the bank holiday weekend. It is now very likely that only one reunion will take place this year.
- SG and EH met Lynn Bibby to discuss her plans for a Reunion of past students to celebrate Carmel's 40th anniversary in September to be held at the Forum. Lynn agreed that it would be a good idea to join forces and hold the entire function at Carmel. Proposed date Saturday 13th September. Permission from Miss Regan required, dates to be confirmed and then planning can start in earnest. More discussion at the next meeting. Action: EH/SG.

Sportsman's Dinner

- EH informed the meeting of a Sportsman's Dinner organised by Gateshead College with guest speakers from the original 1966 World Cup England team including Sir Geoff Hurst, tickets £45 each and held at the Marriot Hotel. Whilst we can't really compete with such an event. If we are serious about hosting another such evening then perhaps we do have to be a bit more ambitious in getting a celebrity guest speaker who will draw the crowds in! More discussion required but all asked to consider suitable person, e.g. Niall Quinn.

Carmel's Strictly Come Dancing

- No further discussion about this event though work needs to start on advertising for dancers! Action: CC/JB.

Future events and dates proposed for the calendar - tbc

- **Year 6 welcome Pig Race Evening – Friday 13th June (w/end before Induction Evening)**
- **Carmel Reunion – Saturday 13th September**
- **Carmel's Strictly Come Dancing – October**
- **Christmas Fayre – Thursday 6th November**
- **Comenius Evening – November tbc**
- **R/B Night – Friday 29th November**
- **Sportman's Dinner/Evening – February/March 2015**
- **Summer Fayre – June 2015**

Next meeting Tuesday 13 May 6:00pm