



The Crypt School Parent Teacher Association

Parents, Teachers and Friends

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Minutes of Committee Meeting 16th January 2023

Venue: Sports Classroom, The Crypt School

1.	Present Steve Burn (SB) Claire Berry (CB) Pauline Rudkin-Mclaren (PR) Gloria Umega (GU)	Sarah Riordan-Jones (SRJ) Nick Dyer (ND) Gayle Stott (GS) Claire Gooch (CG)	
2.	Apologies Claire Richards (CR)		
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting 16th December 2023 SRJ to email minutes for approval.		
4.	Treasurers Report SB presented the accounts as at end December 2023. Payments made for the Christmas Fair have now all been received. The non uniform account currently shows a balance of £14.8k which includes 200 Club (£1,500) and the monies raised at the Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair raised a profit of approximately £2,400 which will be invested back into the school via bids received. We hold a balance of approx. £48.6k in the uniform account, receiving all monies from Monkhouse and have received a 2 nd hand uniform sales of £48. We have agreed to match the monies raised by the F1 team at the Christmas Fair, and so £80 will be given to them. We await NDs bid for the school hall decoration costs if the schools building bid is approved together with a school bid for the Wall Art.		
5.	Matters Arising including Wish List A bid for funds was received from Dean Baldwin for F1 and Julian Whittaker from Music. The original F1 bid had been revised as one of the team sponsors have purchased a full replacement track for the students totalling "2,328 & VAT. This bid now includes flight cases for the new track storage and a control system. It was decided to partfund and ask the students to engage in some fundraising activities to achieve the remainder. Music bid – Julian Whittaker submitted a bid of £369.78, to replace the headphones which are old and new ones will enable quiet keyboard performance work, complete listening and theory tasks, and improve accessibility for all students. It was decided to fund the full amount.		

	ND also requested funds to purchase some new wall art to cover some corridor walls, mirroring what has been achieved in the new extension in the Sports block.	
6.	School Report NDs gave the school report, thanking the CSPTA for putting on a wonderful Christmas Fair. The next two terms are short ones focussing on GCSE and A Level preparation for the examinations starting on 13 May. We are also meeting with Yr 11s in preparation for 6th Form and preparing for Yr 7 admissions. We have received over 400 6th Form applications. There are a number of staffing changes on the horizon – recruiting for drama and English, together with Dean Baldwin taking up a new post at another school. And Alison Peake is retiring. There are also 2 maternity leavers within Maths and History coming up. We are short of midday supervisors and cleaning staff. We are looking into an extension of the dining hall, a 6th form development and repurposing 4 classrooms. We currently have 330 6th form students, and our new target is 350 so looking for new buildings including café / work space / pastoral room. We are beginning to review and re-articulate the School Values and re-evaluating our vision/strategy, working in conjunction with the students. Once this is complete, we will be providing each student with a small book for them to keep containing these school values, including useful daily information such as their timetable. We have received 250 responses to our recent parent's survey so thank you for your input. All have been very positive. One of the key elements coming from a recent girl's survey is for more female toilets so we are looking into this. It is very likely we will have an Ofsted inspection some time this year so preparations underway for that.	
6.	Future Activities/Events/Fundraising The CSPTA will be supporting the next open morning, 20th March, and the spring concert being held on 21st March. We will be running our second Easter raffle – last years was a real success so will be continuing this with one prize per school year. Look out for tickets soon! We also discussed a possible shopping day – possible date 27 April. CB to price coach fees. Easyfundraising – a recent note has been sent out via parentpay from the CSPTA inviting parents to sign up to Easyfundraising. A big thank you to those who have already signed up – we have noticed a considerable jump in numbers. Again, it is very easy to do: • Register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk • Say you want to support the "Crypt School Association"	

(This is the PTA's official charity name)

- Download the toolbar
- When you shop, click "activate donation" and that's it!

A great choice of websites will make a donation after your payment is processed, for example; M&S, Next, John Lewis, Amazon, Hotels.com, Cineworld, Argos, Dominos, Etsy, Photobox, eBay, Groupon & many more.

You make your online purchases & the organisations donate to us. **There's no extra cost to you!**

8. School Clothing Sales

The new app for secondhand uniform is now live. We have filled 4 orders since Christmas and are thinking about arranging a sale as we have lots of stock. We discussed advertising the site on the parents Facebook page and in the weekly Heads letter.

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9. 200 Club

We now have 400 numbers and prizes are up to £195 per month. Need to do further promotion – SB to send details to Sue Wales for the new Yr7 and Yr12 intakes.

The 200 Club is a monthly raffle open to all and it particularly suits parents and carers who want to support the CSPTA but live just too far away to help out at sales and functions. Numbers cost £1 each and there is no restriction on how many you can buy. Half the monthly takings are paid out in prizes. Club fees are made via Standing Order and the form is available on the CSPTA section of the school website. Remember, the money raised all goes to benefit Crypt students. To join our 200 Club please email:

cspta.200club@cryptschool.org

Jan 24 – Winners!		
1 st	R Moore	£50
2 nd	S Skitt	£40
3 rd	N Atkin	£30
4 th	S Byrne	£20
5 th	L Thomas	£20
6 th	E Wilson	£15
7 th	S Brown	£10
8 th	P&J Pilkington	£10

10. AOB	Sadly, several of the current CSPTA members will be stepping down in the summer as our children move on so we are looking for new members to come and support us. We would love to see you at our next meeting on Tues 20th February at 6.30pm in the Sports block. Or contact us at cspta@cryptschool.org. SRJ to review/update the secretary JD and pass the Treasurer JD to SB to do the same. Need to ensure Charity Commission and signature details are uptodate.							
10. Date of next meeting – 2023/24 dates	Please come and join us!!							
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