

Challney Girls High School Association
Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th October 2010 at 5.00pm.

Minutes

Present:

Parents and carers - Mrs Shaheen Iqbal, Mrs Shahida Fiaz, Mrs Nishal Shah, Ms Lesley Smith, Mrs Yasmin Sheikh, Ms Maria Lovell, Mrs Ratina Husain and Mrs Fatima Rizvi
Staff committee members - Mr John Justin, Mrs Caroline Massey and Mr Alan Palmer
(Chair)

Apologies: Mrs Mila Busawon and Mrs Indu Kaushal (staff committee members), Ms Stephenson (parent & carer committee member)

1. Welcome and introductions

Miss Arthur, Head Teacher, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone before handing over to Mr Palmer who, she explained, she had asked to chair meetings again this year on her behalf. All present introduced themselves. Mr Palmer explained that the election of staff committee members for the academic year 2010-11 by staff had taken place prior to the AGM as was required by the constitution of the CGHSA. The four staff members are:

- Mrs Mila Busawon
- Mrs Indu Kaushal
- Mr John Justin
- Mrs Caroline Massey

2. Election of parent and carer committee members

It was decided not to proceed with the election of parent and carer committee members until the next meeting to allow more time for reflection.

3. Planning for the future

An opening discussion focused upon ways in which parents and carers can currently become involved in the life of the school. These included:

- Consultation Days and Consultation Evenings
- Information Evenings
- Coffee Mornings
- Involvement in Fundraising Week
- Special assemblies, such as Gift Day assemblies
- End of term productions
- Y11 PDC lessons, notably for presentations by the local colleges
- Extra curricular activities, such as family swimming, use of the fitness suite, and spoken English classes
- As a governor, including as a parent governor

A positive discussion followed which focused upon ways in which parents and carers might become more fully involved in the life of the school. These included:

- Involvement in supporting and delivering the curriculum, including Textiles, Domestic Science and PDC
- Presentations to other parents and carers about the role of the PTA and promoting other opportunities for them to become more involved in the life of the school. These could be delivered at Information Evenings and during New Intake Evening
- As members of the PTA, to welcome other parents and carers to the school at the Annual Awards Evening and to encourage them to complete questionnaires at Consultation Day
- Attendance at form group/year group assemblies

Mr Palmer offered to discuss these suggestions with Miss Arthur and the Leadership Team and also to forward key dates for the current academic year when sending out the minutes.

Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 3rd November, starting at 5.00pm