

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ST OLAVE'S PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Present: Andrew Rees - acting as joint President

David Budds - acting as joint President

Debbie Hills - Chair

Charlotte Rutter - Vice Chair

Amit Singh - Treasurer

Zey Kagan Assistant Secretary

Jennifer Franks - taking minutes

Abhijit Kothiwale

Amit Mehra

Amit Upadhyay

Andrew Gebbett

Anil Philip

Anu Scindia

Aruldoss Gnanapraksam

Arunim Saha

Asma Meer

Bakhshish Bhatia

Baoching Liu

Bimpe Ibrahim

Brid Nunn

Chinelo Daniel

David Mylroi

David O'Daly

Debashi Saha

Deepa Patel

Deepti Tiwari

Dinesh Gupta

Dino Djelil

Dinta Madlani

Dipti Prasad

Divya Kumar Vijay

Dr Shruta Balham

Edward Mensah

Emily Halton

Giles Cattermole

Gus Ayinbode

Hai-Ying Song

Haresh Nandwani

Harshakumar Hariharan

Helene Huille

Jackie Jochim

Jim O'Connor

Jincy John

Jinn Anil

Joanne Braithwaite

Joginder Singh

Jo Wright

Jonathan Wright

Kanchan Pandey

Karim Ali

Karishma Kumar

Kavita Haldia

Kunal Manocha

Lakshmana Boyapati

Les Toth

Liz O'Connor

Mark McBennett

Meenakshi

Monu Bhargava

Muhammad Hussain

Narne Reshma

Neeti Gupta

Norma Poh

Pauline Skerrett

Pavan Haldia

Pooja Gyzta

Poongothai

Pradeep Kumar

Rachael Mensah	Siew Muck
Rachael Rosser	Sonali Tyagi
Rahul Gupta	Srividya Venkatachari
Rahul Singh	Sudhir Pandey
Raj Gunuputi	Susmita Kumari
Ramu Rao	Tanel Kagan
Ranjan Majdumar	Tim Jackson
Richard Watts	Tina Mehra
Rita Wong	Tony Wright-Jones
Saji Pynadath Poulo	Trevor Jackson
Sandhya Harshakumar	Vasuki Kumaraswamy
Sangeeta Mead	Vinay Gaikoad
Sanjay Bansal	Vinita Suryarasayanan
Sanjay Tiwari	Vinu Madharan
Sara Alade	Vishakha Manocha
Sarah McMichael	Winnie Leung
Shankar Chavah	Xutuan Zhang
Shazar Hussain	Yoshiko Hughes
Sheim Lee	Zahida Asif
Shruti Balham	

Plus about 60-70 other people whose names were not recorded

Apologies for absence: Jim Ward

The **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Association** held on Wednesday 2 November 2016 were approved.

Chair's Report

I would like to start this AGM by welcoming Paul Wright, Andy Rees and David Budds to the meeting. Thank you all for attending this meeting and for your continued support for the Parent's Association.

The PA have had another very successful fundraising year and seen the introduction of new events, including the Dragon Boat race and the Diwali evening. Both events succeeded in raising more funds for our students.

The students continue to benefit from monies raised by our hard working, committed Parent's Association. This year's wish lists are again able to be fulfilled and feedback from teachers proves what a huge difference this makes to all departments within the school.

Before I step down and a new Chair is voted in I would like to say a few thank yous.

Firstly, to my Vice Chair, Charlotte Rutter, it has been an absolute pleasure working with you and having your support. Also to Amit Singh, our treasurer. You do so much work behind the scenes, particularly with the mock test arrangements. You have put in so many hours ensuring the smooth running of important fundraising initiatives and keeping on top of the wish lists. Thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you Mr Budds for your continued support and the hours you have put in to assist us.

Lin Limbrey and Ingrid McPherson have been running the Spring ball for the last 4 years and have made a profit of approximately £30,000. This is an amazing achievement. Thank you both for all your hard work and to other members who assisted in making the evenings such a success.

I would like to thank Rachel Peek for continuing the regular second hand uniform sales which have made almost £2500 profit over the last year.

Thank you to David Mylroi for organising the Dragon Boat race in September, and also for your skills as our quizmaster.

Neeti Gupta for organising the Diwali evening. Again, a very profitable event with over £2500 profit.

Finally, to all the volunteers who helped ensure the smooth running of the mock tests earlier this year. There is an enormous amount of work involved in organising and booking these tests, and many weekends are given up by volunteers to help us run them. The mock tests raised over £36,000 this year. A fantastic result so well done to all involved.

Lots of hard work went into organising our Summer Fun Day and raffle this year. Over £6,500 profit was generated from this event. Dinta, our record stands, we have still not had to pay for a raffle prize for over 4 years!

As I now step down as Chair I would like to extend my thanks to the whole PA committee. Over the last 6 years of my involvement with the PA I have made so many good friends and so many great memories. It really isn't just the students that benefit from the Parent's Association. I wish you every success for a very profitable fundraising year ahead.

Thank you,

Debbie Hills

President's Report delivered by Mr Budds

Mr Budds extended his unequivocal thanks to the PA Committee and all volunteers who had worked so hard for the school under Mrs Hills' tenure as Chair. He commended their visionary zeal and recognised the astonishingly large amount which they contribute to the school for the furtherance of the pupils' educational interests, citing an annual fundraising

figure which was more than ten times the national average for a PA (without even considering the funds raised via the EEx team). He recognised that we were working with an unprecedented situation and asked all present to consider in casting their vote who they felt would be best positioned to deliver on the stated objects of the association which is primarily a charitable fund-raising body, and not a political lobbying group of any persuasion and thanked all volunteers for their friendship of the school, their dedication and commitment.

Treasurer's Report

The year ran from 1st September to 31st August. Income exceeded expenditure by £58,607. Payments totaling £23,426 were made to or on behalf of St. Olave's Grammar School during the year. We started the year with a balance of around £30,000 and the net income was around £83,000 including £36,000 from the Mock Tests. We finished the year with around £88,000 of available funds in the bank though some £25,000 of this is committed to the school.

A parent asked how the PA choose what to buy for the school. Amit explained the wish list process whereby each term Mr Budds asks Heads of Department to send him details of any items they would like that would enhance the education of the pupils. He collates the list and brings to the PA meeting for each item to be discussed and voted on.

There were not enough copies of the Accounts but Amit read through the accounts in detail which were approved, subject to review by Hai-ying Song, and will then be filed with the Charity Commission and placed on the school website.

Elections

The election for Chairperson began with the three candidates Charlotte Rutter, Rahul Gupta and Tony Wright-Jones giving a brief talk to introduce themselves and answer questions from the parents.

Tony Wright-Jones stood down from the election during his introduction and moved his support to Charlotte Rutter.

The vote was counted via standing up and raising of hands. Jennifer Franks counted out loud and asked each person to sit down after they had been counted. The result was extremely close with 84 votes to Charlotte Rutter and 82 to Rahul Gupta. However, one person thought they could vote twice, then asked to change their vote, then admitted to being a parent of a year 6 child.

Some parents demanded a recount. The decision was offered to Charlotte who agreed a recount should take place to avoid controversy. At the recount voters were asked to move to each side of the room depending on their vote and file past Mr Budds to be counted. This took some time to arrange and the result changed with 89 votes to Rahul Gupta and 80

votes to Charlotte Rutter. It was reported that some people had left the meeting between the votes and some extra people had arrived. There were also rumours that a number of attendees were not parents from the school. The acting Presidents of the Association Andrew Rees and David Budds decided that due to the problems and the late running of the meeting the voting should be abandoned and a postal vote to all parents at the school should take place for all of the contested PA positions.

There was no time for any other items as the school needed to be vacated by 10pm.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

The PA would like to apologise for the problems in voting. There were an unprecedented number of attendees (last year there were 21 people). We asked in advance for RSVPs but did not get many. In hindsight and in future we will arrange a sign in desk at the entrance and a paper ballot system.

Confirmed as a true record of the meeting

Debbie Hills, Chair