

Balshaw's Education Foundation

Minutes of the Meeting held 24th September 2014

Present: M Otter (Chair), S Haycocks (Head Teacher), J Morgan, M Barrett, P Banks, A. Hanson, M Heaton, C Powell, G.Lewis, P Hamman, J Fearnley.

Apologies: T. Callaghan, N Websdell, M Griffiths

Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Jeff Fearnley opened the meeting with Prayers.

Minutes of last meeting: accepted

Matters Arising: none (items dealt with on the Agenda)

Correspondence: Mike Otter read two letters of thanks from two students who had been given exhibitions of £100 each. (Liam Roberts and Jane Coup)

Financial Report: Phil Hamman reported on the progress made in changing the existing 'Exhibition shares' to 'Ethical shares'. He explained that not all shares could be changed as a portion is under the auspices of the Blackburn Diocese. He presented the figures to the committee and answered questions concerning the amount of interest raised. (Please see attached Financial statement produced.)

It was agreed that the sum of £1,500 be distributed as is laid down in the Trust deed.

2/5 Balshaw's High School (£600.00)

2/5 Primary schools identified in the deed (£ 600.00) Brinscall St. John's, Euxton CE Primary, Leyland St James, Whittle le Woods CE and Clayton le Woods CE.

(Disappointment was expressed that not all schools had written thanks)

1/5 to be used at the Foundation's discretion (£300.00)

The sum of £200.00 be distributed to the Lord Robens and L& B prize winners.

£100.00 each with the remainder to be decided.

Award of the Lord Robens and Leyland & Birmingham Rubber prizes

Members had received copies of the academic and personal statements of candidates nominated for the prizes together with short comments supporting them from the Heads of

House. Jonathan Morgan also presented the Foundation members with additional information about each nominee.

After discussion it was decided that:

Holly Jackson be awarded the Lord Robens Prize for her amazing academic achievement of 14 A* grades and her involvement within school.

Ellie Gamble be awarded the L&B prize. Ellie had made a contribution both to school and community as well as her achievements academically.

Two additional prizes were awarded to Bethan Gardner and Mark Dempsey (£25.00 each)

Jo Venn Prize (2015)

There was a short discussion with regard to the award. It was decided that a cup be awarded and engraved. M Otter to bring samples to the March meeting for final decision.

The criteria to be discussed in detail at the March meeting.

Financial Report on the School Fund

As the Head Teacher Steve Haycocks has only recently been appointed, this would be presented at the next meeting.

A.O.B.

Mike Otter raised the issue of a fundraising initiative. As the school will celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2032 he proposed that old Balshavians be approached to leave a legacy in their wills of £1,000, to boost the money available within the Foundation Trust Fund. Some discussion ensued and this will be further discussed at the March meeting.

The target would be 200 donations of £1000 for the 250th Anniversary.

Date and Time of the next meeting

March 18th 2015, 4.00.p.m.

