



Chairpersons Statement – AGM – 25th February 2021 for school year ending August 2020.

Registered Charity Number 291368.

The PTFA along with everybody else has had a challenging time since March this year but at this stage I feel the PTFA should offer their heartfelt thanks to the team at the school for what they have achieved in terms of all the changes they have had to deal with, huge challenges and ensuring that the students are cared for and educated. Their continued support for the PTFA is appreciated.

Our traditional fundraising events were curtailed this year to a quiz in November 2019 and one held just prior to Lockdown in March 2020. In normal years we would have held a fundraising event in the summer term as well as our key fundraising event of the year, the BBQ in 2019 raised £6500.

We were unable to address new Y7 parents/ carers at the regular July Transfer evening which is a key recruitment event and getting people involved.

The regular meetings reverted to being held by Zoom in the last term and will continue in this format until the situation changes and thank you to everybody who has attended.

In total £5508 donated to the PTFA in the year ending August 31st, 2020 and the PTFA paid £9251 to the school, including equipment such as a 3D printer used to make PPE masks by students, Mics, sports equipment and online access to E. Britannica and we have £10,046 in the bank to cover funding requests, lottery pay-outs.

As ever thank you to everybody who donated or helped with our fund-raising activities.

Thank you to Nick Mottershead for preparing the accounts, Sue Waters for auditing them and registered at the Charity Commission. Also, the lottery license return lodged with Barnet Council.

Bobby Daruwalla stepped up as chair designate and taken on the role with enthusiasm and has fresh ideas moving forward. Also, welcome to Shona Brennan in new role as PTA liaison

In addition to Nick and Bobby thank you to Fiona Perera for being our secretary and of course to all the teams at the school who support our activities. Couple of other mentions Stephanie Hughes for assisting with the lottery and Elena Trankarova for continued support at events.

Moving forward and for the immediate future the PTFA is going to have to focus on alternative ways to raise funds such as direct appeals, match funding, promoting the lottery and new methods of fundraising such as Amazon Smile and getting the message out to a wider group.

The PTFA must engage with a much wider of parents/carers and staff members at the school, in particular those parents and carers who are in the early years at EBS and we will have to be creative with our methods of communication, possibly look at studying best methods.

I stand down as Chair and wish the new Chair every success in this important role within the EBS community and I will continue to serve as a community governor at the school and the PTFA. Nick Mottershead, Leann Swaine and I are the registered trustees and the bank signatories, we put ourselves forward again, the PTFA must and does comply with the Charity Commission rules. The nominations and voting for the elected officials and Trustees will follow shortly.

Stuart Gates Chairperson – 25th February 2021.

