

## **Minutes of Cedar School PTA Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at Tortola Sports Club**

**Present:** Rochelle Green, Julie Reich, Sam Pierce, Sue Morris, Scott Crawford, Clare Cottreau, Gillian Plaxton, Fiona Harris, Lisa Bridson, Bomi Anise, Trinity Anderson, Mary Ormond, Rhiannon Jones, Eureka Kirk, Emily Killourhy, Louise Mckenzie, Martha Mills-Jara, Jill D'Aloisio, Mark Forte, Sarah Carroll, Sarah Morton, Jo Vass, Priya Mohamed, Valentin Josipovic

**Apologies:** Gary & Sandy Salter, Trudy Childs, Sarah Butler, Bernadette George, Jane Fraser

### **Presidents Welcome Address**

President Rochelle Green welcomed the attendees, 24 in total, and thanked them for attending. Sue Morris read out the apologies including letter from Sarah Butler.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Julie Reich, presented the September- 30 November 2016 accounts. The full report, including last years report, was distributed to the attendees and an electronic copy will also be available to share upon request. Julie explained where funds raised were allocated this semester and indeed where the remaining funds will be spent by end of the year. This included Shade for the Lunch Box, an iPad Pro for the Solutions studio and contributions towards the Community Garden and the High School Fussball table. With regards to the remaining funds, it has been agreed that a contribution will be allocated towards protective ipad covers for all the other ipads that the PTA bought for the primary classes earlier in the year, as well as the High School Youth Club equipment.

### **Cedar School Update**

Scott Crawford officially thanked the PTA for all their hard work and commitment to the school. He commented that the great turnout for the AGM was a sign of how much the PTA is valued by everyone connected to the school. He welcomed and highlighted the smooth transition of Kari Boazman as Primary Head and highlighted all the other positive changes to the school including the introduction of the Drama elective and MYP programme. He addressed the car parking situation and that the opening up of the staff car park, has had a positive impact on the main parents car parking. While there are still parents who insist on stopping in front of the door!! The situation has on the whole improved. The Lunch Box, catering van is proving to be a great success and fantastic addition to the school campus. He was very excited to mention the new Community Garden project that is being headed up by Valentin Josipovic and then the announcement of the new land.

The topic of the 'New Land' presented a few questions from the attendees. The main question being "What are the Plans for the Land?". The Board are at discussion/ planning phase so still open to suggestions. It will be a multi-purpose space and Ideas so far include: additional sports area, boarding accommodation for overseas students,

waterfront marine centre/dock for VG students, outdoor rec area. Nothing has been pre-determined as yet.

Scott concluded his section by referring back to the PTA and that it should never be taken for granted. He acknowledged the A/C that the PTA put in the high school shower rooms and the positivity the PTA has brought since it was revived in 2012. The PTA has a clear mission of making the school a better place for the kids to learn, the teachers to teach and parents to bond. Scott rounded off with a few words about our outgoing president, Rochelle, as she leaves the BVI for a new adventure in Australia. He commended her on her commitment to Cedar and her 5 years service on the PTA, 2 years as President. Rochelle was presented with a gift on behalf of the PTA to thank her for her contribution and service.

### **Board Update**

Chairman, Mark Forte acknowledged the amazing turnout, whether it was to support or contribute or change – it was all good and very welcome.

Mark highlighted the schools goal of reaching 270 students by end of the school year with a view to reaching capacity of 300 on current site at some point in the near future. If the new land were to be used for boarding accommodation, then this would certainly see the student numbers increase.

In discussions with the Far East and looking at bringing 5 chinese students over as and when accommodation is available.

Cedar will revisit the exchange programme to Spain as well as looking at further developing the arts and sports departments – a possible second coach!

The Board will be heavily involved in the footprint of the new campus space, Question asked was ‘would parents have a say in how the land is used’. The answer was ‘yes’ and any suggestions to be directed through the Board, who would be the final decision makers.

The Board will continue to build on the image of Cedar in the community and internationally.

The topic of swimming was brought up and Mark confirmed that the Board would always be happy to support any community programmes like swimming so long as they were presented with a business plan to make the decision from.

### **PTA Elections**

Rochelle Green thanked the current PTA council members before opening the floor to nominations. It was explained that there are places for 10 council members. One of which needed to be a teacher. Mary Ormond, Drama Teacher, will replace Celiah Bunsie. Thank you Mary.

Current Committee Members who will be standing down are: President : Rochelle Green, Vice President : Sam Pierce, Secretary : Sue Morris and Committee Member : Trinity Anderson.

We were pleased to receive the following nominations and the 2017 PTA will now consist of the following representatives (10 in total):

Julie Reich  
Clare Cottreau  
Jill D'Aloisio  
Jeannette Forte  
Mary Ormond  
Emily Killourhy  
Martha Mills-Jara  
Louise McKenzie  
Clare Chilton  
Bernadette George

These council members will meet shortly to agree their roles.

**Any Other Business**

Louise McKenzie led a toast to thank Rochelle for her service as President of the PTA.