



**TIFFIN PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
AGM MINUTES**

Tuesday 8 October 2019
Tiffin School, Judge Lecture Theatre

Present / Apologies: (26) *List of attendees and Apologies received available on request.*

Welcome

JP welcomed everyone to the AGM; Mr. Gascoigne, Mr. Ingle and parents. Reported that all TPA vacancies are filled apart from the sewing volunteers.

1. TPA Committee Vacancies

If anyone is interested in being a sewing volunteer or shadowing for the 200 Club please contact JP or EL:

- **Sewing volunteers** – required to repair donated blazers prior to selling them at the used uniform sales
- **200 Club** – BD (12KN) currently committee member for 200 Club but this is her final year, a shadow opportunity.

2. Reports for 2018/19 Academic Year

Income and expenses 2018

- 200 Club – doubled its members – 48 people raised £1,500 over 3 years.
- Income through Easyfundraising £1,200 by far the easiest way to raise money.
- New fundraising through Smile.Amazon (Amazon no longer uses EasyFundraising)
- Uniform sales, great fundraiser year on year. Usually raise around £2000 each year.
- Tiffin in the garden raised £2500.
- Race night in JLT – 40/50 people raised £900.
- Wine tasting, Year 7 raised £950 minus expenses.
- Other small events by classes raised £200.
- Closing balance 2018 - £16,111.

Income and expenses 2019

- Easyfundraising raised £1,500
- Uniform sales raised £3,300
- Tiffin in the garden raised £2,500
- Wine Tasting raised £540
- Small class fundraisers raised £50
- Race night didn't have enough interest and so a donation of £85 was made.
- Closing balance 2019 - £23,741

The aim is to donate £15,000 to Tiffin. Mr. Gascoigne to inform TPA what the money will go towards. Probably equipment in the new sports centre

NS nominated that accounts are in order. CA seconded that motion.

3. Friends of Tiffin Music (FOTM)

- HS, The Treasurer of Friends of Tiffin Music (FoTM) presented the role of the organisation which is to support the wonderful music programme at Tiffin School
- There are currently 150 members of which 20 are honorary
- He pointed out that Tiffin Music is one of the best state school music departments in the UK. There are more students studying music than in the last 20 years
- Talked about the variety of musical events the boys can get involved in from Tiffin in the garden to singing tours abroad to masterclasses. The Tiffin boys' choir is internationally famous
- FOTM provide bursaries for pupils for music lessons, support the purchase of instruments for the orchestra, pay for the orchestra for the Tiffin Oratorio, and fund hours for a Teaching Assistant. Money is raised in a variety of ways including Quiz Night, music evenings, and membership fees
- <https://sites.google.com/tiffin.kingston.sch.uk/music/friends-of-tiffin-music> - Join FOTM to help raise funds and support Tiffin music.

4. Tiffin Parents Rugby Association (TIPRA)

- NH, the Co-Chair of Tiffin Parents Rugby Association (TiPRA) presented the role of TIPRA
- He explained that they have raised funds for toilets, changing rooms, kitchens and staff at Grists. They have also helped to fund additional coaching and have purchased kit and equipment for the team
- TIPRA currently have 45 families signed up and would like more
- They have twice raised over £2000 through Crowdfunding, also take part in Christmas parking and team sports photos
- One major cost is the team kit – they really need a big sponsor for this
- Please follow them @TiffinRugby.

5. Election of Officers 2019/2020

- Co-Chair: EL (11KEH), JP nominated, BD seconded this proposal
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- Treasurer: NS (7MMB), JP nominated, MC seconded this proposal.
- Secretary: MC (10BR), EL nominated and AH seconded this proposal.

6. AOB

There was no other business relating to the TPA AGM so the meeting was handed over to Mr. Gascoigne

7. Informal Q and A session with Mr. Gascoigne.

Q. Why don't Tiffin do mock tests for 11+? It could raise money for the school.

A. Mock tests can be taken at other grammar schools.

- Parents might feel obliged to have their sons sit the mock tests when they don't need to.
- Would we be taking advantage of them?
- Could be open to accusations.

Q. What have been the significant changes within recent years?

- A.
1. Building works. In the last 3 years, Tiffin has spent £6,000,000 on improving the site.
 2. Expanded classes to 180 boys. This has been critical to funding. No plans to expand classes further as we do not have the room. There is more capacity to expand the sixth form as they are not always on site.
 3. Big cultural change with girls in the sixth form. Several girls have joined the sports training sessions for rugby and a girls' netball team has been set up.
 4. Introduction of Chromebooks.

Q. Concerns about air quality.

A. Tiffin is in a pollution hotspot, although some of the data is confusing.

- Boys are not in playground when traffic is heavy and the buses give off more fumes than cars.
- A large wall is now in place and trees planted which will help to reduce some of the fumes.
- The cycle lane means that the road is further away from the playground as well.
- Moved and reduced size of bike shed. Not many boys cycle to school because of busy one-way system.

Q. Any possibility of fireworks night at the school as a fundraiser?

A. Problems with liability insurance. Might be better at Grist's, worth looking into.

Q. Why do Tiffin not have a school fair?

A. Used to have them many years ago. No longer organised as they are not well attended at secondary school.