

FRIENDS OF WARDEN PARK MINUTES

Monday, 29th April 2019, 7.30 pm

Present: Becky Girvan, Colin Granlund, Karen Jones, Jacqui Kane, Caroline Jones, Karen Pearson and Sharon Wade

Apologies: Fleur Carey, Dom Kenrick, Debbie Schlup, Rachel Southwell, Catherine Snashall and Ann Williams

1. Minutes of last meeting - these were agreed.

2. School Business

- Colin explained that it was the beginning of the exam season;
- Noted that second-hand ties and blazers were in short supply so would be gratefully received. Becky to draft a message to Anne to email to parents of Year 11s requesting their old ties and blazers, linking in with the recycling collection;
- Science labs - school has received a grant to update all the science labs;
- Sustainability:-
 - Single-use plastics - containers used were now made from vegetable matter and tetra paks which were less damaging to the environment;
 - Tree planting initiative - Colin outlined the opportunity for parents to sponsor tree planting via Parent Pay (both cheap and expensive options to be available). The group needed to know how much the trees would cost but initially they felt they would like to support this initiative. Another idea was to plant rare sussex apple trees in the Orchard, within the community gardens;
 - Waste containers - The school wanted to purchase colour-coded waste (black) and recycling (blue) containers for every classroom, approx cost £400-£500. Collections were currently undertaken twice a week and the school wanted to create a culture where all waste / recycling was disposed of correctly. Noted that the next recycling event (24th June) could potentially fund these containers. It was important to catch people's attention now before the Year 11s left;
 - Litter monitors - Dom has approved for standard prefects to apply to become recycling litter monitors - this would entitle candidates to one free lunch;
 - Community Garden - There was now an opportunity for students and parents to be involved in tending this garden. Tools were needed so the group wondered if the Sussex Heritage Centre in Hassocks might be able to kindly donate some.
- Uniform - there had been a big push on this. Smart uniform being important to reinforce discipline and pride felt by students. The school were keen to be notified of any groups of students, in uniform, who were not in school.

3. Events

a) Yr10 Consultation evening (Thurs 9th May 17:00 - 19:00)

- Sharon was not now able to do this due to a prior engagement.

b) Parent Forum?

- Colin would discuss format with Dom, possibly taking on the subject of “sustainability within the school”

c) New Yr7 Parents' Evening (Mon 24th June: 18:30 - 20:00)

- A huge recruitment drive for helpers was needed, particularly for the next generation of parents;
- Karen Jones and Jacqui Kane would attend.

d) Recycling Collection (Mon 24th June/Tues 25th June)

- Becky to arrange for the banner to be done
- Karen P possibly able to help with an evening collection on the Thursday before (20th) - Becky to check with Martine on availability of the Drama hut for this
- Collection on 25th expected around 09:30
- Becky would inform Colin when she needed access to the hut and he would let her borrow a key for the duration
- Becky to e-mail Mr Chappell for help for this from the Kindness Council

f) Rising Stars (21st June: 18:00)

- Becky asked if the group would staff this event (tea and coffee would be provided.) Two people needed to meet and greet and 2-3 people needed to serve tea and coffee. Becky to e-mail the group for helpers.

f) Summer Concert (Thurs 4th July: 18:30)

- Becky to e-mail Hazel Wray about providing refreshments and Martine re: licence
- 3 volunteers were needed for this

g) Sports Day (Fri 5th July (reserve date: Mon 15th July: volunteers to arrive around 12:45 p.m.)

- Colin to talk to Mr Gentry with regard to logistics of having two ice cream stalls and would feed back to the group;
- **Volunteers as follows:-**
 - Becky
 - Karen Jones
 - Caroline Jones
 - Karen Pearson

- Jacqui
- Sharon
- Vicky Twibell
- Ceri Steele (TBC)

h) Bolnore - Summer Fair - stall - It was agreed not to have a stall

4. Treasurer's Report

- Parent Consultation evening - refreshments - raised: £413.10 over 4 evenings;
- £100 had been donated for the minibus driver training;
- Drama production raised: £447.60 - expenses not yet accounted for;
- £10,139.65 was in the current account;
- Dance shows had taken: £368;
- Earmarked £9000 for the lighting rig, but not yet paid over to the school. Colin had sourced some good-quality second-hand curtains.

5. Update on ongoing projects

a) 300 Club

- 300 Club had raised: £3976 and there were 160 members.

b) Easyfundraising

- Easy Fundraising had raised: £173.55 from Christmas

c) Ceilidh

- Noted that the evening had only just broken even but attendees loved it, even those with Yr11s were keen to come back next year when their child was not a student! Discussed whether to include in Cuckfield Life or Cuckfield Gossip Facebook Page and whether to keep it to females only - but feedback has been that the men really enjoyed it. Becky to ask Lou, the caller, her opinion on keeping it to females only.

d) Quiz Night

- Agreed to hold one more quiz with the current committee in the Autumn term. A new quiz team committee was needed. This was difficult considering the lack of members on the committee and succession planning. The curry preparation was an issue but Nicky or Neil (in the kitchen) might be available. Becky would speak to Nicky and Sarah to see if an Autumn quiz was feasible.

e) Committee Succession

- There is a dire need to recruit new members - some committee members had children in Year 11 or were soon to be, so successors were needed. Becky to plea for helpers in the newsletter, plus an e-mail would be sent to current interested helpers stating the specifics of what was needed, particularly a new Chair / Joint Chair would be needed in the next 12 months. Karen Jones advised looking at the

Constitution to look for the rules on Parent Associations. Also FOWP needed a rebrand, which Karen P would be able to assist with.

6. Date of next meeting (Monday, 10th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.)