

Friends of Ashlands Meeting Notes

Wed 08/5/19

Attendees

Kelly Weston, Natalie Brown, Zoe Ayre, Kate D'Arcy, Jess Murray, Nicola Wharmby, Andrew Soutar, Liz Hibbett, Emma Hudson.

Welcomes and apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Jones, Laura Phillips and Luke Raven.

Review of previous minutes

Minutes from last meeting (05/03/19) were approved by everyone present.

Treasurer's report

There was no treasurer's report for this meeting.

New Treasurer and Publicity Officer

Emma Hudson is taking over as treasurer and will be having a handover from both Luke Raven and Kelly Weston. Jess Murray is also starting as Publicity Officer. A big thank you to both for taking this on!

School report and building project.

Andrew explained that the playground equipment is currently being refreshed.

The plans for the new building are being finalised, which includes a wish list such as eco credentials. A list of architects is being drawn up. There are also very early stage conversations regarding some funding from Bradford Council.

Kelly also informed all that she is asking teachers what their requirements would be with any extra money. Most requests have been for more books in the reading curriculum scheme.

Round up of past events

- **Pancake race:** This was very successful and thanks to Christina for all her hard work. The bacon sandwiches and drinks were very popular.
- **Film night:** This was also a great event and was quickly booked up.
- **Spring Fair:** A very popular event and successful. Kelly is arranging for the extra easter eggs to be donated to local charities. There was some feedback about the quality of some of the pocket money stalls. This will be looked into for next year.
- **Bun bakes:** There is one more next half term. It was suggested that these could be changed. It was agreed that they are very popular with the children. The price might change to 50p but this would include both days of the bun bake.

- **Carnival:** FoA would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the Ashlands costumes for the parade, especially Kate D'Arcy and Sarah Jones. Kate is currently putting together a list of positives and negatives to take forward for learning for next year. Kate has offered to organise next year. Depending on the theme next year, Kate suggested that some aspects of the parade could be more animated. From any money left over, it was suggested that a celebration, such as a school disco, could take place. **Kelly / Kate to ask Jude Bell about organising one (for after year 6 SATS).**

Upcoming Events

- **Book and uniform sale:** There will be two to help at the next book and uniform sale with book donations a week beforehand. **Jess to put together information to put on Facebook.**
- **Fun and Games:** Nicola updated everyone about Fun and Games. She informed everyone that there will be a charge for tents and bouncy castles and will need to be sourced from elsewhere this year. Other updates:
 - Nicola has sourced a bungee run.
 - Christina is organising the BBQ.
 - Inspiration Tree are hosting 'beat the goalie'.
 - Emma is doing the face painting.
 - Magic mile is being organised by Sasha and Alex.
 - Helpers are still required for the cakes and drinks stall and a location for the tea urn. **Kelly** to arrange volunteers.
 - Help will be require for the bar.
 - Zoe offered to run the tombola stall.
 - It was agreed that tickets will be available to buy at the office.
 - Instead of the bake off in previous years Kate suggested to run an 'Ashlands rocks' competition. This will involve all children being able to paint a rock with some being used in a trail at Fun and Games. **Kate** to arrange.
 - **Zoe** to ask Anita Graves about help at the gates.
 - There won't be a book / bike stall this year.
 - Nicki will be doing an eco plant stall.
 - **Liz Hibbett** to talk to Mrs Pearson regarding the bar.

AOB

Jess had the idea that photos of the Friends of Ashlands Committee could be taken to include a small profile and added to the FoA Facebook page.

Date, time and location of next meeting

Tuesday 11th June, 8pm, Wheatley Inn.