

Friends of Cliddesden Primary School: MINUTES – 21st June 2019

Minutes taken by: Alison Donnelly

Attendees

Alison Donnelly (Chair) (AD) Yvette Anthony (Treasurer) (YA) Lucy Dovey Sarah Cartwright Stacey Chandler	
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Apologies

Siobhan Desbonne Kerry Salter Sasha Morrison (Secretary) Jake Dovey Rachel Foster	
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1 – Summer Fun Day

Despite the rain and wind the Summer Fun Day was a huge success. Yvette has been busy number crunching and we are very pleased to confirm that the total raised on the day was £2074.98!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Attendance may have been down slightly, due to the weather, however this is a massive achievement. AD extends a very big THANK YOU to all those on the committee and everyone who helped in some way whether it be donating items, helping on the day and/or spending your money.

Overall the profit is fantastic however when broken down by stall there are some that either need re-thinking for next year or replacing with something else as the takings were outshone by expenses.

Admission – it was decided as a committee that all adults entering the Fun Day should be charged the £1 entry fee whether volunteering or not. Although it is nice to offer them free entry, it should be remembered this is a fundraiser and therefore every £1 makes a difference.

Refreshments – this was, as usual, a very popular stall. The new addition of hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows went down well! During busy times, Beech Class can become very congested. It was suggested that next year we look at having the refreshments in the school hall where seating would be less cramped. The addition of the mobile popcorn and ice cream trolley did well however due to the weather not being very warm, the ice creams did not sell well. Need to re-think this one for next year.

BBQ – This did amazingly well and a huge thank you to the Chandler family & Oliver Anthony for running the stall for the whole event. Feedback we have had on the food was that the quality was very good however the variety could be improved. We will therefore consider adding corn on the cob next year. The layout of the tent didn't flow very well so we will look into this for next year. We will also review the prices and buy the meat fresh rather than frozen.

Beer Tent – Sadly, this was not as busy as previous years despite Claire and Sophie's beaming smiles attempting to lure in the punters! We had some alcohol donated which helped us with our outlay however for next year we need to look into what is being donated ahead of time, making sure it will sell and has the relevant advertising information. Crisps did not sell well so it was decided to stick to ready salted only.

Raffle – A roaring success, due to the fantastic array of prizes available, we actually ran out of tickets with at least half an hour left to sell tickets. A number of books were not returned prior to the event and we would urge all families to please return these if you are not able to purchase any tickets so that they can be sold on the day. We will also increase our order of tickets next year to ensure we have enough.

Wine or water – Sold out very quickly, only run this again if we have enough donations of wine.

Guess the name of the teddy – The committee feels this would have been more popular had it been out on the field for all to see. Location will be important for next year.

Beauty station & face painting – very popular. Stacey advised the best seller was the glitter tattoos so we will just provide those next year. Face painting had a constant queue also but didn't take much in profit, this can be very time consuming. Need to look into some reasonable sized templates for next year as a full face takes too long. Face painting really needs two people on it at all times.

Pick-a-lolly – instructions appear to have been unclear as at times this was not being run correctly. We will make sure the instructions are clear for next year.

Lucky dip – the children's one ran out fairly quickly. Some of the creams in the adult one were out of date, team to ensure to check dates on all donations.

New rats are required for splat the rat. Need more non-gender specific toys for stall prizes and sweets/lollipops suitable for vegetarians. The slime stall was popular however due to the non-toxic ingredients required it became a costly stall and did not make much profit. For next year, look into alternative make and do stall ideas.

Whilst it was lovely that some of the ex-pupils offered to help run a stall this year, unfortunately they tended to cluster together talking a lot and this meant the stalls were either unmanned or people were put off approaching. If we are lucky enough to have these volunteers in future, they would be best used as runners.

2 – Upcoming events

Coffee Morning – we would like to welcome the new Year R families and all existing to a coffee morning which will be held on Monday 16th or Monday 23rd September. Details to follow shortly.

AGM – This will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 24th September. This is an important meeting for FRIENDS and requires attendance by the all existing trustees and anyone else wishing to be a trustee as they must be voted into the role on the night. Presently, the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are all

filled however if anyone has a burning desire to take on one of these roles then we are happy to take a vote at the AGM. We will also be seeking a Vice Chairperson, if anyone is interested in this role then please speak to Alison Donnelly.

Disco – Mr Davies has kindly agreed that Friends can run another disco. This is planned to be on Thursday 24th October (Friday being an INSET Day).

Summer Fun Day – this will be held on Saturday 20th June 2020, 12noon-3pm.

We will be running the Secret Sale and Santa's Grotto however dates are not yet set for these events.

3 – AOB

Mr Davies confirmed that the playground equipment which FRIENDS funds have helped pay for is being installed over the summer.

We have been asked to pay for SCARF Life Education Bus which helps schools meet their statutory requirements for children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development, and Ofsted inspection criteria for personal development, behaviour and welfare. This is something that the committee is looking into and will make a decision before the end of this term.

AD has been approached by a Yoga Teacher who specialises in children's yoga and in particular, how it can help in school. Further details to be sent to Mr Davies to review.

That's all for this term and this academic year. FRIENDS would like to thank each and every parent/carer and family member who has given their time and money to our fundraising efforts since September. Yvette, Sasha and I were a brand new team to run Friends and we have been amazed at the outpouring of support shown by everyone. Details of all monies raised for the year and how it was allocated will be revealed at the AGM in September. Thank you, Alison.

Have a lovely summer!