



Friends of Ashley School
lending a helping hand

FOA MEETING 23rd January 2018 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jackie Stevens
Lindsey Blake (co-Chair)
Charlotte Simpson (co-Chair)
Saeeda Baber
Helen Bedford
Katie Brindley
Laura Chamberlain
Faye Curtis-Kay
Val Giblin
Andy Giblin
Mat Goldhawk
Kaija Gosling
Heather Lewis
Karen Mason
Francesca Rajan
Rebecca Rigby

Jorgina Robinson
Bethan Seddon
Tracey Stone
Kathryn Taylor
Paula Ward
Lara Williams

Apologies:

Sara Bradley
Jo Hart
Helen Hathaway
Amy Maddox
Catherine Maloney
Jo Martin
Kathy Neale
Suzanne Todd
Verity Williams

1. Welcome:

Chair: Thank you to all involved with the Christmas Bazaar and other fundraising in Autumn term. Meeting to look ahead to all that can be achieved in 2018.

2. Financials:

See separate attached full summary

Tracy: financials are being standardised.

The main event last term was the Christmas Bazaar, which raised almost £12,000
Christmas cards, Christmas Puddings also very successful. All money now in.

Noted

Expenditures: The FOA has bought 1 new BBQ and cover which
will be used for several events over the coming years.

Noted

Committed expenditure is £16,000 meaning the FOA fund is left
with £33,000 to spend. Ongoing annual costs, for the Play Project (£2k)
and Food Tech salary (£2.5k) (Jackie to confirm pro-rata for current

Noted

academic year).

Grants: Tania is applying for grants and funding from other organisations and charities. Prudential have confirmed a grant of £500 towards the inner courtyard outside area and we can apply again in the future for further grants.

Noted

If parents know of any companies that offers grant opportunities, please let Tania know.

Request

Currently applying for Foyles Foundation, which funds libraries.

Will apply to Tesco and Waitrose.

Approaching Bunnings as we understand they like to offer support to their local community. A dad has had contact via the Scouts.

Update on previous spend requests from Charlotte.

See separate attached full summary

Update on Play Project from Jackie Stevens.

Architect coming in early February to update plans.

Update on Library renovations. Spend requests for library.

See separate attached full summary on library

Agreed

Spend Request: £1466.

Update on Y1 outside space : Sheds now in, but need resources.

Spend Request: £1500 for Maths and English resources.

Agreed

Sandpit - to be cited on the field.

Spend Request £2000 inc digging

Agreed

Deckciting Blocks

Spend request: £900

Agreed

Beach party?

As we didn't have full school Christmas drinks, could organise Summer

Beach party with cocktails! Will enquire if Caroline Foxhall is willing to organise.

Request

FOA Shed: Need shed to put BBQs in. Have been granted space outside new Y6 block. Chris Carter helping to organise.

Need parents to help put it together, to keep costs down.

Spend request: Approx £850

Agreed

Website:

FOA website 'One Stop Shop' to run alongside School website. Helen Bedford is lead.

A dad has offered to create and host while at school, so no current costs.

Will include secure payment area for event tickets & all updates from FOA.

Plans to put £200 a year aside for when he is no longer Ashley parent.

Agreed

FOA Succession planning: Not previously been coordinated, so being done now,

ready to hand over to future teams, including for all events across year.

3. Past Events:

Christmas Bazaar: Thank you to Sara and Jo and team for organising the Christmas Bazaar. Thanks also to class reps and all parents for contributions. Team effort showed what the school is all about: Fun Zones, Hampers, Video, decorations, cakes and Santa etc. Sara and Jo have feedback on how to improve it for 2018.

Christmas Cards: Update from Heather Lewis. Raised £746. **Noted**
Few teething issues but worked well with online ordering.

Christmas Puds: Raised approximately same profit as last year £250. **Noted**
Verity happy to do it again, but would like someone to shadow to take on in future years.

School Disco: Zoe & Lisa did great job of organising. £313 raised. **Noted**
Brilliant feedback, ran very smoothly.
Feedback: Infant disco could be shorter, maybe 45 mins.

Uniform Sales: Next Second Hand Sale will be after Feb half term. **Noted**
New uniform online sales: £1100 profits so far.
Company is keen for feedback on uniform and service.

4. Forward Planning:

Library: Catherine Maloney collating list of books we'd like. **Request**
Many need updating. List will go to all parents for good quality donations.
Any others will have to be funded. Application for Foyles external funding.

Bingo: Karen Mason leading team. Will be on Sat 3rd March 1630 – 1900. **Request**
Parents from across school involved.
Tickets on sale after half term.

Summer Fete: Need a team to get this going! **Request**
There is a big file on last year's Fete to help.
Booked for 16th June.
Reps will deal with stalls.
Saeeda Baber offers Henna stall.

Lots of opportunities for parents across the school to get involved.

Ashstock: Last year's team stepping up again to organise, but looking for new parents to join them to shadow this year and take event on for 2019. **Request**
Discussions on expectations and the growing school. Booked for 14/15 July 2018.

Summer Ball: Is held every other year, with the next Ball planned for 2019.
Last year's team have agreed to arrange the event again for 2019.

AOB:

Suggestions for other possible events:

Kids Comedy Night: Karen Mason suggest pizza/comedy night with
Comedian testing new material for youngsters.

Could include Open Mic for confident kids.

Open Air cinema: Such as those at Wisely & Medicine Garden.

Local company does it. Would have to be Adults only due to timings.

Laura Chamberlain suggests that spend requests be sent out ahead of meeting for
parents to view, so people can read through and have any queries ready.

Thank you to all who attended, including many new faces.

Next meeting will be on 28th Feb at 20.00hrs.