

MINUTES

FOWP Meeting

Monday, February 19th 2018, 7.30 pm

Present: Dom Kenrick, Becky Girvan, Colin Granlund, Sally Prince, Caroline Jones, Karen Jones, Jacqui Kane, Fleur Carey, Sharon Wade

Apologies: , Nicky Lawrence, Rachel Southwell, Catherine Snashall, Heather Martin and Liz Arbon-Stuckle

1. Minutes of the last meeting (8th January 2018): Noted that Liz Arbon-Stuckle should have been added to the apologies.

2. Matters arising: None

3. School Business:

- Year 7 German - noted that Dom had taken the decision to remove German from the curriculum, for Year 7 students, as statistics showed this was the least popular modern language choice, and provision at higher education level was reducing.
- Circuits in Physics lessons did not work - Dom would find out what was happening with the equipment, as this was a well-funded department;
- The half-term ski trip was a success, with great feedback from the venue with regard to students' behaviour;
- Sport semi-finals coming up - noted that many students were being successful;
- Recruitment season was imminent - noted that any teachers who intended to leave had to resign by May half-term. The Deputy Headteacher post was being re-advertised;
- Open Mic - Topic / Theme was needed. Suggestions: any questions could be asked, future of languages, homework;
- New GCSE levels - the level and complexity was discussed.

4. Fundraising:

- **Feedback:**
 - Ceilidh - 43 tickets had been sold and the event had made £300. Feedback from attendees had been more than favourable and it was agreed to organise it again in 2019;
 - Drinks and snacks service for parents' evenings - took £50 for Year 11s and £150 for Year 8s. It was agreed to continue with this service as it provided more funds and was a good platform to advertise the FOWP work;
 - 22nd February - Year 8 Options evening - noted that FOWP were welcome to provide teas and coffees;
 - Grease - £500 had been taken over the two nights and it was noted that pre-ordering really helped. It was reported that it was nice to see the evenings supported by staff members;

- Year 7 event in the Autumn - agreed that this should take place earlier in the calendar and that it should be part of the induction, however, a disco was not an option. Some alternative options included: to use BPM again but to engage the children more, a children's quiz night, whilst parents mingle with other new parents in another room;
- Quiz Night on 2nd March (6-8 to a team) - 69 tickets had been sold this morning - raised £944 net so far. Usually sold 100 tickets but there was still time. There would be a raffle on the night plus prizes for the winning and losing teams (wooden spoon);
 - Puddings: Jillian, Karen, Becky, Caroline, Sally and Sharon would provide.
- Beer, Band and Chilli - Becky would contact Paul - likely cost for the band £300;
- Christmas bucket money from Christmas concert - noted that this money had not been claimed by the drama department. Colin would chase this up and Martine would do an invoice;
- Find a fiver - £143 had been raised, after expenses.

5. Treasurer's report:

- a) To date, £2800 has been raised, with £6000 as the target (£6700 raised last year). Projected funds were: £1500 from the Quiz, Sports Day: £800, couple more concerts: £200, Parents' Evening: £200 and Beer, Band and Chilli: £500;
- b) Charity partners: noted that Colin would ask Howard about Waitrose green token money and Co-Op plastic bag money;
- c) Quiz prizes: £50 would be taken from the funds to purchase: M&S vouchers, bottles of wine, chocolates and Panettone. A 300 club ticket would be added. Prizes for winning and losing teams.

6. Update on ongoing projects

- a) **School lottery** - Howard had suggested a commercial company to outsource the admin of the 300 club. On the surface, this looked OK but there was a charge for using the service, and people had to enter the draw each week, rather than paying once for the whole year.
- b) **Easyfundraising** - £200 raised during January.
- c) **Spring Bulb Fundraiser** - Becky speaking to Amanda Bell about selling 1000 crocuses and 1000 daffodils on ParentPay. Agreed that a good place to plant them would be around the 3G pitch. Becky to contact Howard to discuss further.
- d) Ten new table cloths were needed - the purchase was agreed and there was some discussion over sponsorship from local businesses. Becky to look into options.
- e) Look at Friends of Warden Park logo.

7. AOB

- a) 27th/28th March - Dance Show - no alcoholic drinks to be provided
- b) Year 9 Parents' Evening - 1st March (later postponed to: 8th) - Sally and Sharon would provide teas and coffees

8. Next meeting: the next meeting would be held on 23rd April 2018