

FOWP Meeting Minutes

Monday, 23 April 2018, 7.30 pm

Present: Fleur Carey, Howard Collins, Becky Girvan, Caroline Jones, Karen Jones, Jacqui Kane, Heather Martin, Karen Pearson

Apologies: Colin Granlund, Dom Kenrick, Nicky Mordecai, Sally Prince, Rachel Southwell, Catherine Snashall, Kate Trotman, Sharon Wade,

Minutes of the last meeting (19th February 2018): passed

1. Matters arising: None

2. School Business:

- Expanding Horizons Project - Howard described this project as a means to help disadvantaged students within the school. The scheme is still at a very early stage but has initial funding of £250 from the CO-OP. Howard asked the Friends to match this donation, which was agreed. FOWP have applied on behalf of the school for this project to be a "green token" charity at Waitrose.
- Howard has been approached by Pete Wells, a computer teacher at the school, for a Zioxi mind-storm table - a foldable, wheeled, mobile storage unit, which would help support computer program learning. The unit costs £1400. The committee decided that this should form part of a larger discussion on how FOWP money is spent, as this project is outside of the initial fund-raising projects provided by the school at the beginning of this academic year, but clearly there is a need and a whole school benefit to providing the table. A decision was therefore delayed.
- For the Year 11s leaving school shortly, we usually ask parents to donate any money left on their ParentPay accounts to the school/FOWP. Becky to email Howard to find out how this usually happens.
- Open Mic night - Becky to post on social media to try and increase interest/attendance.

3. Fundraising:

- **Feedback:**
 - Dance show - Just over £200 over the 2 nights
 - Quiz night - took just under £700
 - Scholastic book fair - Mrs Cunningham suggested we might run a fair as a fundraising initiative, but when we looked into it, it didn't seem viable for a FOWP event.
- Upcoming events
 - Yr7 reporting night (21 June) - drinks and snacks. Rachel, Kate and Becky to help.
 - Beer, Band and Chilli (22 June) - Bootyshakers confirmed for event, at £300. Nicky Mordecai is booked to cook the chilli, and we will provide ice-cream for dessert. Becky has been in contact with Mrs Wray about a school rock band providing support - and although she was keen for the band to have the

experience, it was also a busy time. Becky to follow up. If not a school band - Heather suggested contacting the Rok School to see if they had a band that might perform, and if so, they might donate a prize if we decide to have a raffle. Becky to put on Eventbrite, tickets (130) on sale for £20 each, with 20 tickets allocated to teachers/staff at £15. Karen J and Caroline unable to help out, but Karen P volunteered to help behind the bar. Becky to look into sourcing beer - either Grape and Grain or Alistair Maddock (parent) who brews and sells craft beer.

- Sports day - ice-creams (13 July). Volunteers - Fleur, Nicky Mordecai, Karen P, Becky
- Summer concert (13 July). Volunteers - Kate, Karen J and Caroline.
- Autumn term events
 - Year 7 event (date tbd) - Thoughts - use BPM again, and although the children who went along last year really enjoyed it, take up wasn't great. Suggested to do a puzzle-room lock in - organise quizzes and puzzles for the children, that they have to solve in a time frame (maybe prize for the fastest team) to "escape" their room. Meanwhile, provide refreshments for parents with maybe a few key staff mingling for 20 minutes or so - maybe Mrs Whyte + Mrs O'Brien + a sports teacher (lots of questions about kit last year) + maybe a senior team member. Becky to look into the puzzle room.
 - AGM - Karen to check when we need to have this, but probably will be early October
 - Autumn event - mid October, early November - Gin tasting. Grape and Grain can do this for us - Sally and Becky to pop in and check out how it might work/prices etc.
 - Ceilidh - booked for January 18th 2019 with Lou.
- Recycling initiatives
 - Ecoffee cups - Becky has emailed Ecoffee cups (who are regularly well reviewed online, are sustainably produced, biodegradable at the end of their life, and have a plug to stop leaks). Their 14 oz coffee cups cost £3.75 if we buy 72 units (carriage is free) - £270. These cups retail online and locally for between £9 and £14. If we sell at £8 each at our events, we stand to make ~£300 over the 72 cups, as well as cutting down on the single-use cups at each event. The committee marked up the designs that they liked, and Becky will order an initial 72 unit consignment. If people buy a cup at one of our events, they get their tea/coffee for free, if they bring their own cup, they pay £1, if they need a paper cup, the tea/coffee costs £1.50.
 - Recycling clothes - Becky to ask Dom if we can do this. If the Drama Hut is available, we can use for 2 days to store the bags. Idea is for children to drop bags of clothes off for recycling, and FOWP will get money depending on the quantity collected. We can man the Hut and take in bags of clothes before school, and then from 2.30 until 5.00pm, and then possibly again in the evening for a time slot. Collection next day. We would need the pupils to engage with this, so would need to have the kindness council/school council

on board. Date for collection would need to be when exams are finished, so after 22nd June.

- Jacqui has researched other recycling initiatives, especially William Penn Primary School in West Sussex which is a green living school. This school has collections for:
 - Green plastic milk bottle tops (which are then made into slides or more bottle tops), but you need 20 bin bags full of tops before they are worthwhile collecting
 - Aluminium ring pulls, which help Filipino children
 - Printer ink cartridge recycling - Becky/Howard to check with digital services to see what is already in place for recycling these.

4. Treasurer's report:

- a) To date, we have ~£6000. Projected funds are: Sports Day: £800, Summer concert: £200, Parents' evening: £100 and Beer, Band and Chilli: £1000; total ~2100 + £6000 = ~£8000

5. Update on ongoing projects

- a) **School lottery** - 300 club is up to 98 members, so slowly creeping up.
- b) **Easyfundraising** - no payout since the last meeting
- c) **Spring Bulb Fundraiser** - Project is up and running - a few parents have donated so far. Becky to contact Anne to ask for a parent comm for this, with a photo.

6. AOB

- a) Hoodies for Yr11 leavers are currently sold via a third party directly. FOWP could suggest taking this on as a fundraiser, but with the committee so small at the moment, this is not really viable.
- b) Karen suggested that Yr11 parents be asked to make a donation to the school.

8. Next meeting: Monday, 11 June.