

# MINUTES

## Friends of Warden Park Meeting

**Monday, 14 January 2019, 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Fleur Carey, Becky Girvan, Colin Granlund, Elizabeth Hankins, Karen Jones, Jacqui Kane, Sally Prince, Sharon Wade, Ann Williams and Rachel Wright

**Apologies:** Caroline Jones, Dom Kenrick, Catherine Snashall and Rachel Southwell

**1. Minutes of last meeting** - these were agreed.

**2. School Business**

- The school was focused on exams - encouraging good discipline and habits.

**3. Fundraising**

- Fundraising went really well last term, particularly the quiz night and the raffle.

**a) Ceilidh (18th Jan - 7 p.m.)**

- Only 20 tickets had been sold so far - the event was just about viable. Another parent comm had been sent out and a posting would be put on the Parents of Warden Park Academy All Welcome Facebook page, to help drum up more numbers. The group were advised to comment and "like" the page, as reacting to it ensured its stay.

**b) Yr8 reporting night (17th Jan - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.)**

- Refreshments would be available. Becky asked for volunteers but could run this single-handedly if need be;

**c) School Production (14th and 15th Feb)**

- Thurs: Becky and Sally could do - Rachel S was volunteered!
- Fri: Caroline could do Friday - Rachel S was volunteered!

**d) Yr 7 reporting night (7th March - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.)**

- Sharon and Sally would do refreshments

**e) Yr 9 reporting night (28th March - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.)**

- Sharon (would need to leave around 18:40) and Liz (would arrive around 17:30). However, Becky and Jacqui may be around in between appointments, plus Sally may also be able to help.

**f) Dance Show (2nd, 3rd and 4th April)**

- **Volunteers as follows:-**
  - Tues: Fleur
  - Wed: Karen and Sally
  - Thurs: Ann and Sally - would need three people
  - Becky to ascertain Rachel and Caroline's availability

**4. Treasurer's Report**

- £8,800 was in the current account (£3,500 almost in 300 club)
- Quiz night - took £729.50
- Primary Cross Country - took £378

- Yr 11 Reporting evening - took £50
- Bolnore stand at Christmas selling e-coffee cups: took £105
- Christmas concert - took £281
- Christmas Raffle - took £1,044
- £9,000 for lighting rig would be given to the school around Easter time, when it was planned to be installed.
- There was £1,150 available for the first 10 pens
- Minibus driving licences - noted the need £35 for each licence. commit to 3 a year for the next 5 years.

## **5. Update on ongoing projects**

### **a) 300 Club**

- There were now 154 members! 300 Club needed promoting, particularly to Yr7s and paperwork needed updating. Fleur was looking to step down but was happy to shadow anyone, whilst they learned the ropes. Fleur gave a brief rundown of what the job entailed and anyone who was interested in taking this over was invited to e-mail Becky. In the meantime, Fleur would e-mail Emma to ascertain who had paid through Parent Pay.

### **b) Easyfundraising**

- For November, a cheque for £50.59 had been received. Noted the issue concerning the Admin for easy fundraising - currently Howard, who has now left the school.

### **c) Band night**

- Currently, 8th March 2019 was being held with the band and they would keep the date free, however, the group decided to postpone this event until next year due to poor take-up of Ceilidh tickets. There was concern that Band night tickets would suffer the same fate. Becky would contact the band to cancel.

## **6. AOB**

- Future fundraisers were: Summer Concert, Sports Day ice cream selling, meeting the new Year 7 parents, recycling event and providing refreshments for parents' evenings. Finer details to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Discussed the ways in which other schools raised funds. It seemed that lack of parent enthusiasm was not just confined to Warden Park. Discussed asking parents for a donation, instead of holding events, which the school would administer. Becky to put some wording together and this would be discussed at the next meeting, for potential rollout in September.
- Discussed whether FOWP was needed if a donation system was set up. Colin felt that it was important to have parental engagement and the school would lose something without it. The PTA were valuable in informing the school when there were issues and what was going right. He also said there was value in the events that took place. Plus

events like Sports Day and Primary Cross Country were great events to host and were becoming a tradition, whilst helping to build a relationship with the community.

- Noted that the website was being updated. Liz Hankins to join the Working Group and she would e-mail Colin with her contact details.
- Noted the state of the boys' toilets and the issues the school were having to deal with.
- Noted that FOWP had made a donation of 6 bottles of red wine at Christmas time.
- The Year 11s last day was still being discussed.

**7. Date of next meeting (Monday, 29th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.)**