

Friends and Families of Foxfields

Minutes of PTA Meeting

13th October 2023

Present: Becky, Ashley, Toby, Fiona, Kat and Sue

Apologies: none

Becky welcomed Fiona, Kat and Sue to Friends and Families of Foxfields and thanked them for joining the committee.

Ashley gave a history to the PTA and said we would have to think creatively about our ideas as we are a small school.

Becky reminded Ashley and Toby to redo their signatures for the bank, we are sticking to three signatures for the bank account.

Everyone was asked to look at and check the minutes of the AGM. These were verified and agreed by all and signed off by Toby and Becky as a true representation of the meeting.

The next event is going to be a Halloween Disco for Lower School, with optional dress up day for the whole school at a voluntary contribution of £1 per child.

Projects:

We discussed about helping fund the following projects.

Gym – some staff trained, already have funding for this and should be up and ready by Summer 2023. Kat suggested we could link with Everyone Active to get personal trainer and be involved this could include interventions for certain children. This would promote community engagement. Gym could be hired out when school's not

using it to generate some income. Decided not to go with this due to it already being funded.

Library – new space for this and need to fill it, in the short term ask parents for book donations for free reading. Ashley would like a book vending machine. It was talked about having an emotional/wellbeing section within the library. This may have to be thought about as some parents haven't told/don't want their children to know diagnosis. We discussed the link from the Inside Out movie and how this talks about emotions and how people feel. It was asked if there could be a mural in the library.

Outside play equipment – this would be for lower school only, Red Monkey are funding £4,000. Looking to do a pupil survey to see what the children want. Looking to purchase new bikes, trikes and scooters. Ashley confirmed that there would be storage for this equipment.

Photography room – the school have made a good start to this, they have a photography teacher. Looking to do own school photos with consent of parents. Children could work towards an enterprise qualification.

Games room – no available room on site.

Space Dome – at previous schools they came in and provided learning with children.

Christmas Panto – already booked to come into school like they did last year. Coming in on 30th November and is already paid for.

It was decided that we would help fund the library and outdoor play equipment.

Christmas Activities:

Raffle – everyone was keen to do a raffle for Christmas. Becky to look into the cost of getting pre printed books of raffle tickets through Parentkind. This would allow books to be sent home with children and money and any unwanted books sent back to the school. Need list of prizes so we can name top 3 on tickets. Becky to do donation request letter for members so can get collecting from end of October. Letters out to parents asking for donations for raffle prizes, Becky to draft letter. Raffle to be drawn in the morning of date to be confirmed.

Gift wrap sessions – presents can be sent in with a donation of £1 per present.

Christmas disco

Christmas Cards and Gift Wrap – Becky to look into this so that the children can design their own Christmas cards and wrapping paper and buy them with a commission going to the school.

Parent mince pie and coffee morning – date to be confirmed.

Parent Survey:

School send out a parent survey in November and members of the PTA suggested that we could add on some questions to obtain thoughts of parents/carers of what events they would like, what events they would attend, preferred time during school day or at the weekend.

Other business:

Fiona talked about when we have a summer fayre we could invite crafters and organisations in and they could buy a table between £10 - £15. Also mentioned was getting the emergency services in on this day.

1p and 2p coin challenge will be launching week commencing 23rd October, for each class. This will be an in school contest for which class can raise the most money and at the end of the academic year the class that has raised the most gets an extra trip funded by the PTA.