FODS Meeting: Minutes

Monday 8th January 7pm

Present: Joanne Hyslop, Joanna Williams, Sharon Baker, Louise Comley, Sadie Hopley, Alice Atherton and Laura Oakes

Apologies: Anne-Marie Marshall, Karla Driscoll and Beth Newby

**1. Welcome**

A warm welcome was given to everyone in attendance.

**2.** **Review of Recent Events**

Christmas Funfest

This event was a huge success once again and raised £3289.34 (including the raffle ticket sales). We have received lots of positive feedback, so thanks to those people who have fed that back to us. School did find it a little difficult managing different pick up times though, so this will be a consideration next time. The monetary amount above does not include match funding as this is still to come in. Huge thanks to Sadie and the parents that are sorting the match funding for us, it does make a really big difference and so we do appreciate it. We have realised since this event that match funding is only up to a value of £1,000, so it does makes sense in future to split it across several different pots. Thank you to the Christmas team for making this event another big success.

Tea towels for Reception and Year 6

This year we used a different supplier so this did mean there was a learning curve and it did take a little longer this time. This has never been a big money maker but it is something that parents value from a sentimental point of view. The profit from this event was £161.75.

Wreath making

This year the event took place in the staff room, rather than the school hall. This was enjoyed by everyone and we offered mulled wine also. Thank you to Mayflower Bloom for attending and thank you to Alice Atherton for organising this. This event raised £255.35. A date of 28th November 2024 has been pencilled in for this year’s event and this will be communicated out in September.

Christmas cards

The Christmas card event was another real success. We haven’t had the final figures from the company yet but the profit has been estimated to be around £590. Many thanks to Beth Newby for organising this.

Panto touring theatre

The feedback from this event was all positive, the children had a lovely day. Due to space in the hall, we did have to split it into 2 showings, as the company needed to use the hall space to put on the show. FODS kindly paid for this event and it cost £1,200. FODS are glad the children enjoyed it. From a logistical point of view, it was much easier to organise than having to book multiple coaches to take the children out to a theatre.

**3. Review of Previous Minutes**

Uniformd honesty box

The uniformd honesty boxes are now fully stocked. No sales have been made yet. Mrs Hyslop to send out a reminder to parents via google classroom informing parents to take what they need and leave a donation. Buying online has been suspended for now as it isn’t possible to run both simultaneously due to stock levels.

Survey Feedback

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey. We have analysed the responses and there are a couple of common suggestions . We will look to implement some of these ideas in the future but we will need new volunteers to bring the ideas in to reality. One common suggestion was regular discos and we were already in the planning stage for this idea. Therefore this will be the first idea we will implement, see below AOB section for further information. A communication to parents will be sent out shortly also, summarising the feedback from the survey.

**4. Upcoming Events**

Summer Funfest

This year we will lose some of the volunteers that are hugely important in this event. Therefore, this year we will need a new team. This event will continue in the same format as it normally does but we do intend to enhance this to include further suggestions from the survey feedback. The children will stay after school as they normally do for games. Following this, there will be singing (children who don’t attend the Funfest will be permitted back in for the singing if they wish to, as will the parents of those children). This will be followed by a ‘picnic in the park’ type event. Parents will be encouraged to bring in a picnic and blanket and there will be music. There will also be a bar, cake sale and tuck shop. The date of 5th July has been pencilled in.

**5. Finance Update**

Louise Comley (Treasurer) confirmed the accounts as follows:

Main Account: £10,745.41

School Council: £689.77

Recent payment received from:

Easyfundraising £40

Recent payment made to:

Parentkind insurance £153.00

**6. Funding Requests / Wish Lists**

Mrs Hyslop to discuss this with staff at a later date.

**7. AOB**

Regular discos

The first of these will be for Years 3,4 and 5 and will take place on the 21st March. It will take place at school and tickets will be £5 for unlimited water/juice and there will be a tuck shop. There will be glitter tattoos/face paint etc. This will be followed by a disco Reception and Year 1 and 2 in the Summer.

Match funding

These figures are needed by Sharon Baker to do the lotteries return, following the raffle. Sadie Hopley to chase this up.

Events calendar

This is something that we will look to implement from September in the hope that it gives parents a bit more notice of what the events will be for the academic year to follow.

Summer event

This was not discussed in the meeting.

Fireworks

We are hoping to go ahead with this event this year, but it was not discussed at the meeting.

Ice pops/ice creams

Suggested as an idea to sell these out of the hatch in warmer months, maybe at the start of May.

Nativity

There was a quick mention of the nativity. Selling raffle tickets at the nativity worked really well. Suggested could sell tea/coffee or hot chocolate at future nativity plays.

Cake sale

We will look to reinstate these shortly, further details to follow.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 4th March 2024