

Friends of the Mead (FoM) Meeting - AGM

Wednesday 19.09.18

Minutes

Attendance: Katie Balcombe, Jacqueline Hicks, Tamasin Absolon, Kate Glover, Emma Kent, Alice Patience, Poonam Magdani, Bukky Obideiro, Claire Chattenton, Tinka Tschamoru, Nicky Roche, Luci McQuitty Hindmarsh, Emma Howarth, Sarah Morley, Tammy McIntosh, Claire Henry, Alicia Faith and Sian Haines, Andrew Webster, Ruth Campbell

Apologies: None

WELCOME – Introduction of the new FoM committee by Emma Kent, which includes herself as Chair, Alice Patience as Vice-Chair, Kate Glover as Treasurer and Tammy McIntosh as Secretary.

- No comments or business from previous meeting's minutes.
- Objectives of FoM, there is a clear message to be sent that FOM will be fund raising for school 'above and beyond' what is provided. The school will focus on charity fundraising and this will be communicated by the school in due course.
- FoM is aiming to focus on specific fundraising goals or objectives this year. Suggestions are welcome.
- Term 1 will focus on keeping existing FoM events running, with the view that moving forward, there will be some changes and new ideas introduced.
- Sarah Morley provided a review of the accounts. FoM had another really good year but was a little down on profits from last year's Summer Fayre, due to Hamptons not paying for boards (*update: this has now been paid*), the loss of Alexandre Boyes Pimms tent and super soakers.
- FoM Accounts for 2017-2018 & Trustees' Annual Report available to view through the school office via Ruth.
- Own Clothes Day now on Friday 12 October, donation £1-£2. *Ruth to send reminder*

NEW CLASS REPS

Class Reps were discussed and volunteers are as follows;

- Kindergarten & Pre-Reception – Claire Chattenton and Alicia Faith
- Reception – Clare Curran and Katie Lovell
- Year 1 – Anna Dixson, Katie Balcombe and Ayme Flay
- Year 2 – Emma Moss and Nicola Spencer
- Year 3 – Sarah Dollery, Sian Haines, Emma Howarth and Vicky Carlier
- Year 4 – Nicky Roche and Luci McQuitty Hindmarsh
- Year 5 – Claire Henry and TBA
- Year 6 - Marion Borrageiro

Suggestion to send letter to Year 6 & Reception parents re parent rep role.

Role description to be sent out to all Class Reps ASAP - Emma & Ruth

FoM MOVIE NIGHT, FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 6-8PM

- Ruth to ask for staff volunteers and communicate information, decision to provide popcorn and juice taken, students staying until 5.30pm to bring a packed tea. *Kate Glover to provide Ruth with the list of films available – (Peter Rabbit chosen)*
- After much debate, the decision was made to provide one room, one movie, for approx 130 children, no excess bedding or sleeping bags allowed, excluding Pre-Reception and Kindergarten this year as the feedback last year was it was too late for them and needs higher levels of supervision. Parents to collect from the gym exit so no congestion in stairwell. Tammy offered to run bar for parents drinks. *Update: staff helping at event have advised to use 2 rooms with younger children upstairs in Reception classrooms, age groups to be finalised when all tickets sold. Mrs Feaver/ Mr Agnew to oversee collection from gym & Mrs Ovenden/Mrs Hunt to oversee collection from Reception corral.*

AOB

- Christmas cards – Emma Kent to lead this, it's a good fundraiser for FOM, she will investigate companies for options on how to run it more efficiently

and drive it. *Update: Using Class Fundraising as last year, packs have been given out to teachers for completion at home or in class.*

- Christmas Fayre will be held on 24 November from 12-2 with a plan to reduce stalls, streamline where possible (ie food and drink together), do less but make it better. There was a suggestion the older children would like more age-appropriate stalls. Also need to ensure there are plenty of volunteers and help to coordinate clear up after the event.
- School panto trip – FoM sponsoring the school trip this year. Are Kindy and Pre-Reception included? Cost of tickets for parents to accompany them? Ruth to check and communicate. *Update: KG and Pre-Reception will have their own special Christmas party with entertainer whilst school go to panto as Early Years staff felt panto wasn't age-appropriate. FoM to pay for cost of entertainer.*

Future fundraising projects;

- Gymnastics equipment, ask Mrs McKenzie for a wishlist, new trampoline. All agreed.
- Contribution to STEAM equipment.
- Half term subject focus, with workshops or associated events that 'add value' or enrich the topic.
- Seating for the new astro - need to look at options available to store it, possible sponsors, local businesses, Tate Fencing. Ruth to ask Mr Webster/Rebecca if this would be suitable FoM. *Update: Mr Webster & Rebecca have agreed this would be suitable & very much appreciated.*
- On sponsors, there were discussions regarding the new external cookery class provider to possibly offer something for the Winter Fayre.
- Mr Webster suggested FoM contribute to Mead logo umbrellas, discussion was had regarding design and costs. It was agreed this was a good use of FoM funds with the support from school marketing budget, Kate Glover agreed to research costs of both adult and children's umbrellas. *Update: both companies KG contacted said couldn't use school logo as too intricate. EK to research further.*
- Suggestion for FOM family dog walk/picnic.

- FoM Disco for Valentine's Day suggested. Short discussion whether to run this, in association with Valentine's Day or if at all. To be decided next meeting.

Meeting ended.

Next FoM 8.30am, Wednesday 17 October 2018 (dining room). All welcome