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Parents, Carers and Staff Working Together



Minutes of FOO meeting held on Friday 23rd September 2016

Present: Donna Ovenden, Francesca Prior, Nicci Myler, Karen Mould, Jo Lemon, Norena Knight, Jacqui Neill, Sam Cutcliffe, Clare Watt, Sally Richardson, Claire Meaker, Louise Wells, Emma Henley(YR) Gemma Young (YR) Jemma Husbands(YR) Steve Husbands Emily Leeson, Phyllis Sherwood(Y2)

1. Apologies

Demi Churcher, Joe Reardon, Nikki Russell

2. Minutes of last meeting agreed.

3. Updates

- a. Summer Fair total confirmed by Donna as £1,182.78

4. Matters arising.

a. School Discos –

FP asked for feedback on the earlier start times for the discos, start time as per the last summer disco. After much discussion, the following concerns with the earlier start times were raised:

- Some children were sick as they'd not eaten/or had chance to eat tea before disco.
- Whilst thankful for the extra staff during the disco, the extra help is needed more for the setup which staff can't do with a 3:30 start time.
- YR teachers found getting a whole class changed, drink & biscuit and ready for 3:30 stressful and a challenge. Whilst YR are only invited to the summer disco this issue is still a problem for Y1,2 &3 and links into the point about teaching staff not being able to help with set up.
- With regards to the next disco, Spooks & Sparkles, the children wouldn't have the opportunity to change and/or dress up in costumes which is something most love to do.
- The general feeling was that we've tried it but would like to go back to later start times, as previous to the summer disco. Having disco's on Thursday's rather than Wednesday shouldn't be a problem but need to confirm this with the office. FP, NM, DO & KM to feed this back to Mrs Smith asap, confirm later start time, days and dates for discos.





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b. Christmas Fair – 9th December 2-4pm

FP asked for suggestions for new stalls, ideas, and help before and on the day. Discussed holding another tombola stall as Chocolate Tombola goes so quickly. CM, JN and some others suggested a white elephant tombola, involving asking parents for donations. This was well received but there were concerns that FOO ask a lot from parents (lucky envelope, teddy & chocolate tombola's) restrictions on non-uniform days for chocolate donations and problems with storage. However a suggestion of spreading the request for donations over a longer period not just over the 2 weeks leading up to the day. Santa Grotto was well received and enjoyed by a lot of children last year and we will be doing it again. Suggestion from LW and SC to have a Storytelling corner by a Mrs Santa ! Aimed at the little ones, this idea was well received, great idea, FP to decide where this could be located on the day. Suggestion of more 'making stalls' something the children can do, nice idea but concerns over space as classrooms in juniors are used for each class to sell what they've made.

- c. Quiz Nights** – General opinion was that we'd like to arrange another Quiz Night. Agreed the buffet style for food was better. Several places for a venue where suggested including Testwood Working Mens Club. SR to make enquiries FR, ND to decide on a date.
- d. Rock Challenge** - Not sure if school are entering this year? Demi Churcher had already said she would be unable to lead this year as she has university course commitments, however the impression after last year's success was other teachers would take on the lead but nothing has been mentioned. FOO are prepared to step up and take Rock C on as there would be lots of very disappointed children. If Rock C rules state it must be a member of staff that enter the school Karen Mould confirmed she is happy to be this person as she is now staff. Suggestion of contacting Boogie Bounce and MJ Dance Class for help and support. Also suggestion of local college students be contacted/approached to see if they could run rehearsals and coaching sessions, which could be part of their course work and therefore free. NM to clarify with Miss Churcher what is happening, what we need to do, when and how etc.
- e. Oakfest**
This is still in progress, getting bands interested etc. YR mum's husband is in his own band. FP to apply for alcohol license.





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Committee were asked how the money raised by FOO is spent, who and how do we decide what the money gets spent. FP explained the process and referred to the constitution the committee signed and agreed too.

A.O.B.

Next meetings – Friday 4th November

Apologies if I have missed anything or put anyone down for anything they didn't volunteer for, just contact myself to amend.

Minutes taken by – Karen Mould



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