

FOLS Committee AGM

Thursday 11th October

3.40 pm The Meeting Room

Present

Jennifer Kinerk (JK), Kate Parsons (KP), Luke Facey (LF), Kay Hay (KH), Liz Saxon (LS), Lucy Robson (LR), Julie Bromilow (JB), Susan Gale (SG), Victoria Zissis (VZ), Beverley Smith (BS) and Helen Millar-Facey (HMF)

Apologies

David Ball and Katherine Cordingly

Items

Jennifer Kinerk was officially and unanimously voted into the Committee as the new Chair.

SG has a copy of the constitution and said this really needs to be updated. JK said she will have a look at it and mark up all the points to be updated and changed and put it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Update of the FOLS Accounts

LF said we have £2,557 in the account. We have had 2 requests for spending 1, A new sandpit for Reception costing £200. The one they have is very old. LS explained a new one would mean that all children would have access to a sandpit during the school day. This was voted in by most Committee members present.

2, Is a request by Kate Ferguson for another Laptop cabinet costing around £600. The cabinet is now full to capacity and further pupils are bringing in laptops. JB did point out that this would be a one off request as once Wi-fi is rolled out within the school more students will be using laptops and the school will purchase further cabinets. The Laptop cabinet purchase was voted in by the majority of Committee members present.

KH did say that a Year 5 parent had asked exactly what FOLS spend their money on? LF said he has a sheet detailing previous purchases. He will update the sheet and make sure it is available on the FOLS website. KH did say that there are always different groups of children that need support and it would be difficult for FOLS to only support whole school projects. This led JK to ask are we happy for FOLS to continue as it is primarily as a social group? She is just aware that many different requests are being made and FOLS can't afford them all. If we have a large big project perhaps we would need to have all events funding a certain request? Generally members felt it should stay as it is. We do raise some funds which can be spent on extra equipment for the school. SG felt that nothing benefits the whole school. LF did confirm that some recent purchases had benefited the whole school. KH said that generally it will be that requests are made by individual classes, or subject groups. It was unanimously voted that we keep the FOLS group as it was set up. If in the future we do have a large request we can if necessary check whether FOLS is happy to fund such a request for a longer period of time and all money raised from events going to the one cause.

SG did ask about the Outside Noticeboard that we had been promised. It was agreed it would be really good for advertising. It could be placed outside the Centenary Building. JB will investigate this (JB).

Uniform Shop

LR mentioned the Uniform Revamp which has been promised for years now. The school has been recently revamped. Reception is looking very different. The headmaster is wanting to make the school look very modern yet the parents are expected to go to no more than a cupboard for their uniform. VZ said many new parents visit the shop and it really does not give a good impression. It would not take a lot of

effort. The room could be painted. New rails could be purchased. The outside area could also be painted. Uniform staff shop helpers are happy to do the painting.

VZ said she was very busy this morning at a Morning opening of the Uniform Shop. She wondered was it worth trying this every week? Parents often say they cannot make after school. It was decided to try opening every Thursday morning between 8.30 and 9.30 and see what happens. We can then make the decision to continue this after half term. VZ, LF, SG and KP can help out on a Thursday morning. VZ will put this on Classlist. (VZ).

Christmas Fair Update

KH said that the deadline for Stallholders returning their forms is tomorrow. Most have replied so tomorrow she will have a better idea of exact who will be there and where to place all the stalls. Also she will then be able to nominate volunteers to help run the FOLS stalls. LS confirmed that she will help run the cake stall and Mr Liversage will run the photo booth. Mr Gamble has been asked to be Father Christmas's elf giving out presents. It was suggested that we are sure his wife Tanya will be able to persuade him to accept the challenge. Mrs Tyrall is happy for the singing to be just once and we just need to confirm the time of the singing which we agreed would only be a short session at around 10 minutes.

A cider stall and a gin stall had been suggested selling gifts not be consumed on the premises so a TENS licence is not needed. KH asked if the committee are happy with this. It was unanimously voted in as it would be a good idea for presents. KP and VZ will sell teas, coffees and juices plus plus non alcoholic wine (KP and VZ). BS will sell Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair during the Christmas Fair (BS).

KH asked about parking for all the stallholders. JB suggested that for the day of the Christmas Fair, staff could be asked to park off site so all stallholders could park in the car park around the side of the Walker Hall. (JB).

BS suggested we could invite Bourne Valley Nursery, the Salisbury 11+ Club and Wellington Dance Academy to the Christmas Fair. BS will send out some flyers. SG did suggest we could drop flyers to all houses in Campbell Road informing and of course inviting them to the Christmas Fair. SG is happy to delivery the flyers as was LR and KP. (SG, LR & KP).

JK just mentioned that the After 8 Group were ok with us having to cancel their session next week due to lack of numbers. It was suggested by JK that we try and incorporate some of the school pupils singing at the same concert as the After 8s therefore making the event far more popular. This can be arranged for sometime next year. (JK).

The date for the Skittles night was agreed for Friday 18th January at the same place as before as HMF said various committee members had enquired and visited the Silver Plough merely to check out the facilities and not practice and felt that the room was not big enough.

The next FOLS Meeting was arranged for Thursday 24th January.

AOB

KH did ask if that perhaps we could have a quick last minute meeting after the next FOLS Coffee Morning on Friday 9th November at 9.30 am with any members that are present just to confirm that everything is ready for the Christmas Fair the following week (KH). This was agreed.