

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 7:30pm

Present: J.Wright, A.Simpson, R.Parker, S.Waterfield, A.Smith, L.Stanley, B.Parkes, C.Trowsdale, G. Brew, S.Wilson, G. Perry, H.Ward.

Apologies: L.Shaw, K.Knight, L. Crawford, A.Parker, L.Plant, A.Newton.

Minutes From Last Meeting

We ran through the minutes to see what was relevant. The following points were revisited.

Garden area – Lots to talk about again (coming up in main agenda)

Becoming a charity – still no but constitution a good idea

Alternatives to East Barnby – Miss Parkes has booked a Year 5 and 6 residential trip for Lealholm students to Bewerley Park next June (24th – 26th). As it's a bit further away, a 3 day, 2 night trip has been decided on. This will cost £210 per child and will be supervised by Miss Parkes and Mrs Woods.

100 Club – Details to talk about (coming up in main agenda)

School business – A big discussion (full details in main agenda)

Other business - Fundraising ideas (discussed in main agenda)

School Garden

We talked about the last tidy up. Then it was decided that a second tidy up was needed – need a blank space to work with then decide what can go where. We need to assess what everyone would like to see in the garden – ideas from parents and teachers but also the pupils – ask the school council for ideas – let the kids have a say what they would like.

- The tree needs sorting out and the fencing to make it safe – Andrea to talk to Ched and Riley Adamski.
- Produce garden needs sorting – things that we can use all year round – raised beds – keep tractor out. A garden that can be used all year round would be more beneficial.
- Talk to MKM, Wilf Noble, B&Q about donations. Ask the children to write to them
- Amanda's idea for garden tidy up days – ask Young Farmers to help – Gilly to ask

Willow Tunnel

Needs maintenance at least three times a year. The children like it so it would be nice to keep it, but it just needs making safe and then maintaining.

- Andrea talked to Liz Smith who said she would come and take a look, then we can look at the cost
- Chris to look at the tunnel and see if he can do anything.

Breakfast Club

Hot topic of the night. A lot of time was spent discussing this causing much debate.

- Main problem with offering the breakfast club is that it is running at a loss. So far, FOLS have to pay £187.89 to subsidise the cost of the club which covers the months of June and July - loss incurred is due to the fact that not enough children are using the club to justify the cost of the wages and stock used to run it.
- FOLS can't be expected to find funds for the club if it continues to make a loss
- PTA money should benefit all of the children and not just those few that are using the club
- Question over whether the club is being ran professionally – parents messaging Gilly instead of a booking system through school. Children attending that haven't paid and wages still being paid when there are no children attending the club
- If the club is to be an attractive feature of the school it needs to be ran in a way that is professional and organised
- Suggestion of running it on a voluntary basis – some disagreed and said someone should be paid to run it, whereas others thought that paying a wage to supervise a club that has yet to even breakeven was an unnecessary expenditure
- Breakfast club will run from 8am at a cost of £3 per child including breakfast or £1.75 from 8:30am not including breakfast
- Booking is essential through school
- Numbers need to be in before 3:30pm for next day service
- Inform SCHOOL ONLY of any absence's – available to phone from 7am
- It is an attractive asset to the school for future enrolments and other schools in the area have them
- Extend the trial period until Christmas to give it one more chance – need to assess its progress until next meeting by keeping an accurate register of who's attended on that day, the rate they have paid and the total takings for that day. A register needs to be completed every day even if no one attends.
- Letter will go out to parents to give information about the Breakfast Club – S. Waterfield
- The next meeting – a decision will be made on continuity of club. Information gathered will be reviewed and shared so that a sound and financially viable decision can be made by all members. If it's making a loss FOLS cannot continue to support it.

100 Club

- The running of the 100 Club is being passed on from Jane Wright to Chris and Jo Trowsdale
- Jane will be passing on all information to Chris
- The club is a huge part of FOLS income
- It has 109 numbers but could lose around 10-15 at least this year.

School Jumpers and Hoodies

- School to order jumpers as and when needed so that parents can purchase uniform directly from school more easily
- Stock can be monitored easier – Linda to sort
- School hoodies keep on going missing which is a problem. Two options...responsible parents will have to pay to replace them as they are school property or they have to be made as a compulsory part of the school PE kit.

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Finances/Accounts

- Last year was a really busy year so this year everyone decided to not actively fundraise due to the hard work and commitment needed to make last year such a success
- Although there is a healthy bank balance of this year did see FOLS incur a loss
- This total loss didn't include the loss incurred by the Breakfast Club so far which is £187.89 The loss that FOLS are subsidising will continue to be around £100 a month unless the club either breaks even/makes a profit or is no longer available
- A decent portion of the budget will be spent on improving the outdoor area for the garden
- More fundraising is needed to sustain even the minimal activities.

Election of Office

Current positions held by A.Simpson (Chair), S.Waterfield (Vice Chair) , R. Parker (Treasurer). All positions resigned.

Positions were raised and the following new candidates were elected:

Chair – Sophie Wilson - Nominated by A.Simpson and S. Waterfield

Vice Chair – Gilly Perry – Nominated by A.Simpson and S. Waterfield

Treasurer – Amanda Smith – Nominated by A.Simpson and S. Waterfield

Secretary - This position is yet to be filled. Chair and vice chair will stand in until then.

- Letter to go out to advertise the position of Secretary

Fundraising Ideas

- Halloween Bingo – Tuesday 15th October, 6pm
- Coffee morning – Ley Hall -late January (25th)
- Bags 2 School - Spring collection (3rd April) and an Autumn collection
- Easter Bingo – advertised event
- Dialect night – Sophie to chase up
- Tea Towels – June
- Craft Fair – December

- Bag Packing – Gemma to chase up

School Business

- Pumpkins to be decorated/carved by children. Brought into school for a competition at the school sale and then taken home afterwards
- Monday 9th December, 9am, Christmas Hamper Packing

Any Other Business

- New goal posts are needed. A decision needs to be made whether school can pay for these or will FOLS. Need quote.

Date For Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th November, 7:30pm, School – Main topics of discussion – School garden and review of Breakfast Club.

Minutes By Sarah Waterfield