

## **FOSB Meeting Notes 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 1.30pm**

Present: John Parkin (JP), Laura Bell (LB), Laura Ryder (LR), Gemma Braybrooke (GB), Deborah Reardon (DR), Sue Hogg (SH), Elena Mateias (EM), Josie Stevens (JS), Anna Costello-Mannering (AC-M) Michelle Moreton-Clack (MM-C) and Lucy Burr (LBurr)

LR commenced introductions, welcomed new faces and explained that she had prepared an agenda to follow if everyone was in agreement.

First event of the year to be a coffee/cake sale with profits going to Macmillan. 28<sup>th</sup> September 3pm -4pm was agreed on and after discussion it was agreed that a text message requesting donation of cake and sausage rolls be sent out. Volunteers to be requested over facebook. Event to be held in the playground weather permitting or otherwise in the large hall.

Next agenda item – Car Boot Fair. It was agreed that this would be a good idea but due to potential damage to the school field would be best to delay until the spring/summer.

LR then reviewed in brief the previous year's events and requested comments on how successful they were and suggestions on how they could be improved for this year. LR commented that some parents had said that the gifts for the mother's day sale could be improved on and something more personal might be a good idea, LR suggested Keyrings with each child drawing a picture and it was agreed to progress this. It was also mentioned that some children really enjoy the process of choosing a gift.

It was agreed that the father's day sale should stay in the same format as we have already purchased items for this.

The Easter Egg hunt went well but could be made more challenging for the older year groups.

The Christmas Parties went well. LR suggested that we might want to do a Christmas Fair this year and it was agreed that it would be a nice idea and there was sufficient time to plan one. DR confirmed that this would have to be done on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and all agreed that would be fine.

Finally, the summer fair was discussed briefly and all agreed that we wanted to build on the success of last years and start planning this early on. JP pointed out that we still need to review the fair.

The next item on the agenda was FOSB storage, it has been mentioned that breakfast club and aftercare need some more space in the cupboard and it was agreed that we will review what is in there and try and organise the space we are taking up.

AC-M then gave feedback on the lottery funding bid and reported that this had been unsuccessful as we had not undertaken any public consultation to illustrate that there was a wider interest in the stage. She confirmed that if we were able to do this we could resubmit the application. Other funding options were also discussed and GB agreed to investigate the blue token scheme at Tesco.

Next LR stated that parents had been raising concerns with her to bring to FOSB meeting and was looking for clarification as to whether this was the right platform. It was unanimously agreed that such matters should be raised at the termly parents forums instead.

LR confirmed that as time was running short she would briefly go through the remaining items. First of which is the use of the funds we are raising. Following on from a discussion with Mrs Oakley it

seems that the most appropriate use would be for new playground equipment. In addition, the school has decided to give a reading prize to each class (17 in total) and therefore we will need to agree on how much we can contribute towards this.

A FOSB contribution to the coach costs for school outings was raised but this was felt by some to be contentious and was not progressed.

As the lottery funding bid was unsuccessful AC-M queried whether funds could be used to purchase a flag for the remembrance day parade and it was agreed that this would be ok as long as it was a school flag rather than a drama club one. The sum of £200 was mentioned and AC-M agreed to pursue this item.

The final item is the AGM, it is agreed that we need to have one but JP suggested that rather than rushing the matter it should be discussed and a date set at the next meeting. AC-M commented that the school governors had requested that there be a more formal committee and constitution for FOSB.

Any other business

JS queried why only the drama club participated in the remembrance parade and it was agreed that Mrs Samways should be approached to enquire whether other children could be included.

Parent Engagement was discussed with suggestion as to how we can encourage involvement from the diverse range of cultural groups represented at the school. It was agreed that we would all informally speak to any parents we felt could assist and LR would also speak to Mrs Gurung. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at our next meeting.

The issue of the frozen bank account was raised and LR agreed to progress by the next meeting.

**Date of the next meeting set for 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 1.30pm**