

FOSB Meeting Notes

15th July 2019, 1.30pm.

Present: Laura Ryder, Laura Bell, Debbie Reardon, John Parkin, Linda Parkin, Michelle Moreton-Clack, Kim Warner

Apologies: Anna Costello-Mannering.

Notes

Summer Fair Review. The new format for the raffle worked really well and it was agreed that this will be the format for future raffles. Our current license lasts for a year, so we will consider holding another raffle, likely with cash prizes.

Floats proved to be a problem, despite having a similar profile to last year. The ratio of notes to coins was massively different between the two years. We will consider having a change desk in the future.

The removal of the field set up performed on Friday night has been addressed with the perpetrators and will not happen again.

Once again, the number of helpers was inadequate to cover the stalls, despite invoking some contingency. A number of 'no shows' exacerbated the issue

Year 6 helpers proved to be a great asset and DR will arrange a public acknowledgement from FOSB, at a future assembly.

Beat the goalie football prizes were not pumped up, as the pump provided did not work. Some balls and medals remain in stock.

Laura Allen suggested that we sell soft drinks at the BBQ and this suggestion was adopted.

DR has a couple of pump type flasks, so limited hot drinks could be provided by these, in the future.

Year 6 Leavers Party. Anna had left a number of thoughts and considerations with Debbie, Linda will contact Anna to discuss those points which remain unclear.

Regarding the photographs, some clarity is still required but it was agreed that FOSB will provide £30 for photographs, if this is necessary.

32 picture frames are required and these can be bought at Poundland. The 7x5 or 6x4 issue needs to be resolved. We also need 1 more pack of champagne flutes. Linda will buy.

Linda will ask June about what soft drinks she provided as a swap for cakes, last year. We need to resolve the issue of chocolate requirements and printing of wrappers.

The chocolate fountain availability needs to be established and the requirement for strawberries and marshmallows, to dip.

Mrs Watts does not want a talent show, so Laura R will speak to her about her plans for the evening.

Lloyds Bank Account Update. Linda reported that, at last she has access to the two accounts that have been in a state of limbo since 2015.

Having raised two formal complaints with Lloyds, the issue has finally been resolved and resulted in Lloyds accepting that they have repeatedly been at fault, in a number of areas. Resulting from this, Lloyds have arranged a payment to the account of £500,

for distress and inconvenience and a further £150.42 for lack of access to the funds. Additionally, the have reimbursed Linda for 5 hours of telephone calls, which will be transferred from the South Borough account to Linda's account. The Lloyds account balance overall, now stands at £3267.04.

Following a brief discussion regarding the purchase of the stocks for soak the teacher, it was agreed that we need to define a spend approval process for individual items of £50 or more. John will draft.

Future Funding. Having reviewed the requirements for the school 'quiet area' and discussed these with Mrs Oakley and Mr Perring, Linda suggested a number of items of furniture that had been approved with the school and are made from recycled plastic. It was agreed to purchase these items through the school. The items are a multi-coloured buddy bench, a multi-coloured octagonal picnic bench, with wheelchair access. Two Dorchester benches. These are brown, as no multi-colour option is available and these will be attached to sleepers which Mr Perring already has. The cost of these items is £1770 and this spend was agreed. It was suggested that we look into providing some kind of plaque, indicating that FOSB provided the furniture.

The space next to the quiet area is also in need of refurbishment but plans are not yet available. It was agreed in principle that FOSB will consider funding items for this area, also. Costs will be circulated for review on Facebook, if this helps expedite matters.

Debbie is meeting with a representative of the company providing the sail and will discuss with him the cost of providing the playground markings the children chose and which were circulated at the meeting. Further discussion required.

Debbie has provided Gemma with the quote for the mile playground markings, for use in the bid for Tesco funding.

The school has recently attended a football competition at the Gallaher Stadium and has performed well. Unfortunately, South Borough were the only competitors without a proper team kit. Mrs Oakley has recently asked if FOSB would consider providing some kit. A parent has already agreed to donate kit for another age group. The meeting agreed a spend up to £250 which should be adequate for the purpose. Debbie will liaise with the parent, to ensure we have matching kit.

Sports Day. The idea of providing ice cream on sports day was discussed and considered to be logistically difficult. Lack of freezer space and the number of helpers required for distribution being the main concerns.

Pre-owned uniform is currently very well stocked and has now been moved to the medical room. This needs a good sort out and will benefit from more regular sales. The new intake may provide an ideal opportunity to sell a number of items. Laura R will put something on Facebook to move this forward.

Storage. The shed is now very full and will benefit from the stocks being dismantled for storage. Laura R will arrange. John raised the issue of buying a FOSB specific

shed, as we now have the stocks and gazebos to store. John will obtain costs and speak to Mr Perring about available locations.

Banking. It was agreed that Linda will move £5000 to a 35 day notice account, to attract a little interest.

Recruitment. It was reported that induction day stirred very little FOSB interest and it was noted that a coffee morning for new parents might be a recruiting opportunity for September. This is to be confirmed.

Laura R will put details of possible events on Facebook, to measure interest. The quiz night is one item under consideration.

Laura B announced that she is stepping down from her key role in organising the summer fair. We are sorry to lose her in this role and thank her for her massive effort over the past two years.

The date of the next meeting is to be agreed.