Minutes of the FOBG Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 1 March 2022, 8pm, via Whereby

Attendees:

Francesca Wareing (Chair), Lisa Whyte (Minutes), Becky Cruise, Leila Boyd, Lucy Hutchinson, Victoria Parry, Uliana Khvorostoyanova, Stephanie Papoutes, Phil Carter (parent governor); Matt Birth (staff); Claire Collier; Sheila Yip; Cath Harrop.

| Item | | Action |
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| 1. | Welcome | |
| | Francesca welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. | |
| | Those new to the meeting were welcomed; and thanked for supporting the FOBG. | |
| 2. | Apologies for Absence | |
| | None | |
| 3. | Approval of minutes of the 22 January 2021 committee meeting | |
| | There were no comments on the minutes of the last Committee meeting and the minutes were approved. | |
| 4. | Declarations of Interest | |
| | Rebecca Becky declared her new role as a School Governor. | |
| 5. | Appointment of new Class Rep Co-ordinator | |
| | Annabel Seevaratnam has indicated her intention to resign from the Committee, but has kindly agreed to stay on the committee until the banking can be changed to Lisa. | |
| | This means the Class rep Co-ordinator role is vacant. Leila offered to take over the role; and will liaise with Annabell to obtain the contact details for the current class reps. | Leila |
| | Leila to organise a coffee morning for FOBG committee and class reps. | |
| 6. | Update on upcoming / planned events | |
| | Book donations – a huge number of books have been donated. Ziffit/app sales currently at approximately £140. Large number of books left over which are not being accepted by the likes of Ziffit. Matt Birch will liaise with Sally over a date for a possible book swap, and the FOBG can potentially run a book sale around the same time. | Lisa, Matt |
| | Lisa will ask Cindy to include some wording in the next newsletter regarding parents/carers selling books themselves, with proceeds going to FOBG. | Lisa |

Bags2School – Francesca will email the amount raised in Feb. Next date is booked for 30 March 2022. Leila to send out communication to class reps; and communicate to local streets also. See if parents can get extra bags from their home streets by advertising on their street WhatsApp groups. Stephanie to confirm two dates from summer term.

Francesca/ Leila / Stephanie

Easter event (in-school for children) – Matt is speaking with the Year 6 teachers about this, it will be held the last week of term. FOBG agreed to donate Easter eggs for prizes.

Easter eggs – decorate an egg. £1 entry, with a prize of an easter egg for each year group. Each child votes for their top three favourites in their year and the child with the most votes wins a prize. Nursery/Recep and KS1 decorate a 2d template. KS2 decorate a blown or hard boiled egg. Leila and Victoria volunteered to take this on. Dates TBC.

Leila/ Victoria

Easter Egg Hunt (Hamptons) – they are offering £500 for us to participate in their easter egg hunt. Francesca to get 20 or 30 parents to agree to have a board for 3 weeks over Easter. (15 in the Wimbledon park/Southfields grid and 15 in the roads very close to school). £5 per entry with a suggestion of each completed entry form receiving a Cadbury's cream egg or small Easter Egg. Francesca and another volunteer to help. Boards could potentially go up w/c 28th March for three weeks – Francesca to liaise with Hamptons.

Francesca

Fun Fridays. Odd socks day Friday 19th March; green day; pyjama day. Leila to agree the other two Fridays with Matt Birch and communicate all dates / themes to Class Reps. Each year group class reps raise money for all three events together with the funds going straight to that year's teachers to use as they see fit.;

Leila

7. Future events / Fundraising

Summer 2022 term:

Summer Fair - Matt Birch to check availability for a Saturday in July. Lucy, Lisa, Victoria, offered to help run the event, Cath Harrop is happy to help where she can with past knowledge having run these previously. Theme Queen's Jubilee. Include Teacher's Bejewelled sweet box (kitchen rolls filled and decorated) or something similar. [date subsequently confirmed as Saturday, 25th June].

Lucy, Lisa, Victoria

Queens Jubilee – discussion was had around an event for the Queens Jubilee. Matt Birch suggested that we ask the children to make bunting, give them a template so sizes are the same which can then be used to decorate the school for the fair.

Summer Social – Matt Birch checking date for availability of the staff band and will revert. [subsequently confirmed as 10th June].

FOBG Volunteers will be needed to run the event - TBC

| | Winter 2022 term: | All |
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| | FOBG committee (or others) to volunteer to run the following events, please let Lisa know which events you can help with before the next meeting. Becky suggested we have a minimum of 2 committee members on each event for continuity and to help spread the work load. | All |
| | Halloween event; Quiz/AGM; Calendars – this proved very popular, and Matt confirmed the school would be happy for us to do this again. Christmas Cards; Christmas trees; Winter fair/raffle; Vallebona Panettone. | |
| 8. | New Fundraising Ideas | |
| | Claire introduced the circus idea. Summary is attached. The Committee were in agreement that this should be run. Friday 29th April 2022 was a suggested date but this clashes with Year 5 PGL. Claire is checking on possible Sunday dates and will revert. | Claire / FOBG volunteers TBC. |
| | [date for circus has been subsequently confirmed as Sunday, 8 th May 2022.] | |
| 9. | Funding / Grant Applications | |
| | Lisa updated that she had identified a number of potential companies that offer small grants to schools. The school is currently identifying a project which we can apply for – details TBC, but likely to be an IT project. Lisa will liaise with Matt on this. | Lisa, Matt |
| | Sheila raised that her company will make a contribution of £250 to £1,000 to a charity of her choice and she would like to help FOBG – Francesca will send the charity details to her so we can pursue this, Sheila will need to get involved with one event in order for her company to make the donation, Sheila is going to have a think about which event she would like to be involved with. | Sheila, Francesca |
| | Uliana asked about the Prudential funding we had received and had been sent on to the school. Lisa will follow up with Christina (school office) | Lisa |
| 10. | PTA Events Training | |
| | A training session was suggested so that all current/new Committee Members can use the system. | All |
| | It was agreed with this going ahead and a date is to be agreed. | |

| 11. | Treasurer's Update | |
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| | Currently we have £29,660.74 funds in the accounts. £13,500 of this is ring fenced for expenditure this academic year plus there are a few outstanding payments due, meaning we have approx. £15,000 available funds. | |
| | Following a difficult couple of years, we are currently raising £17,000 for next year's commitments, where a large proportion of this funds the excellent school library. We are hoping to have raised this and more by Easter, so that we will have excess funds to support other brilliant things at school. | |
| | Update on Uniform sales. The Oct Uniform sale was incorrectly reported as £873 by the school office when in fact we only raised £212 in that sale. The total sales for 2021-2022 is £535. Thank you to Hester and Martine for all their hard work on this. | |
| | Other fundraising since the last Treasurer's Update: | |
| | The Quiz raised a whopping £1,370 (Thank you to the amazing Quizmaster Emily Jones and FOBG Becky and the rest of the team!) Christmas Trees £718 (Thank you FOBG Uliana and Delivery hostess Cath) School Calendars £1,196 (Thank you FOBG Jazs for this great initiative and Sophie Drew for coordinating the Art Work) Christmas Raffle £3,518 (Thank you FOBG Annabell, all the class reps and whole school contributions) MyNameTags £26 (Don't forget to use school ID 28588 when ordering name tags) | |
| 12. | School Update (Matt Birch) | |
| | Not much to report, it has been communicated to the staff up to now that funds have been sparse. Now that the balances are looking healthier Matt will see what things the school might need to enhance the children's experience at school. | Matt |
| 13. | Governors Update (Phil Carter) | |
| | Finances remain under pressure. | |
| | Match funding was discussed; and whether the school fund can benefit from this especially for people who are making monthly donations | |
| | Cath Harrop to share previously communication on match funding as done within FOBG, and Lisa will draft something for Parentmail that can be a joint FOBG/School Fund communication about Match Funding. | Cath, Lisa, Phil |

| 14. | Any other business | |
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| | Lisa asked whether the FOBG would be making a donation to the year 6 leavers events, as they have done in previous years. Francesca confirmed that there is £600 that has been put aside in the accounts for this, and will follow up with Lisa separately regarding how the year 6 reps can access this money. The donation is intended to help subsidise the events for children who are on pupil premium. Cath Harrop suggested asking Class Reps to attend the committee meetings and take on some tasks in order to spread the load. | |
| 15. | Date of next meeting | |
| | The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022 via video call. | |
| | Future Meetings: 7 June, 6 September, 2 November | |