**Minutes of Fobs meeting on Thursday 4th March 2021**

Present: Apologies:

Alex McAlpine Carla Benjamin Sarah Dudley Suzanne Bantel Ash Low Rachel Earl Jo Venables Sarah Bird Callie Hursthouse Olive De Rozario Marion Barton Vicki Sales Lynsey Stiff Samantha perry Talitha Frohn Sharon Buckley Caroline Auld Linda Lovelock Emily Holbrook

**Minutes Approved** Minutes approved from meeting on 2nd February 2021.

**Financial Update**

£140.40 School Lottery for January £59.32 Virtual disco profit £28 Valentine hearts (£10 still to come from Miss Stiff) £70 Virtual bingo £178.10 Donation from Clews lane valentine hearts display £153.32 Amazon smile donation

Callie is still waiting to hear back about the £40 insurance charge that we don’t think we should have to pay. If they don’t refund this we will look into changing the insurance.

**Feedback**

Valentine hearts display - Jo has sent a thank you card round to Cathy to say thank you, and Alex sent round some chocolates and Prosecco. When visitors are allowed back into school Alex has suggested that both Cathy and Andrew Clifford - who did the calendars could be invited into school to one of the celebration assemblies.

School lottery – ongoing, 85 people are currently signed up. On target to make £1786 per year.

Virtual disco – Parents thought it was well priced and that the packs were generous - the children enjoyed the disco packs. Thank you to everyone who organised the disco zooms within the year groups - having organised zooms helped to sell more tickets.

Valentine hearts – Thank you to Miss Stiff for helping to organise this on Seesaw. We only made a small amount but it was still worth doing as a fun activity for the children even if they didn’t donate.

Bingo night – About 25 people took part. Jo is organising them by year groups more as a social event. Some of the winners have even donated back some of their prize money. Jo happy to show anyone else how to set this up for other year groups. Emily is interested in running one for year 4.

. **Future Events**

Foreign currency – On going.

Hats, caps and beanies – Ongoing. One cap and one beanie have been sold recently. Fobs to promote them for the summer term, Sarah D to put something on Facebook next time uniform is promoted.

Grants – Waiting for a reply from Wilko about gift vouchers.

Pay pal – Pay pal has made £3.

Nearly new uniform – Ongoing. There has been a lot of interest from parents. Jo and Talitha are updating the stock list. A lot of items sell through the pre-loved site so hard to keep track of exactly what is in stock. We have not received many donations for uniform but as a fee is charged when using PTA events people usually add them on the next time they are making another purchase. Also some people pay cash when collecting the items from Jo, which she is collecting up at home. Alex to set up a separate email account for the Fobs uniform.

Scrunchies – On going

Happy Bags- Thursday 11th March 9.30am – Depending on the weather, we will let people know the day before if they can drop off on the Wednesday night. Ash has a tarpauline that we can cover the collection with on the morning in case of rain. We will ask people to avoid dropping off with cars before 9am.

Mother’s Day Shop – Friday 11th March This date has been confirmed by school, the shop will run one class at a time, the children can choose their item by pointing at it, then a Fobs volunteer will place it into a paper bag to take back to class where they can write on it who it is to and from, they can decorate them at home. We have 500 brown paper bags, 250 were ordered and another 250 were sent free. If it is wet weather we will have to use umbrellas as there is nowhere inside to do it. We should be able to set the tables up in the car park, the boxes of gifts need to be brought into school straight after drop off. The gifts for each class need to be counted by whoever is storing them to make sure there are enough, Alex to check up to date class numbers with Mrs Cook. Sarah will bring in the candles left over from Mother’s Day and some spare chocolates. Any left over gifts can remain on the table and added into the next set of gifts. We need to give a class running order to Mrs McConnell so that all staff members know what time their class needs to be ready. We are allowing 10 minutes per class with a 5 minute interval. Sarah D to arrange a schedule to give to Mrs McConnell. On the morning Fobs volunteers will need to be at the front gates by 8.20am with collection buckets for any donations, Alex to bring the Sum-up machine. A lot of parents will have already paid online in advance. Callie to drop the collection buckets around to Alex’s.

Year 6 Hoodies – There have been 39 orders so far, there is still one week left for ordering. Alex to send the link to Miss Stiff to pass on to other staff members who might be interested in getting one.

Year 6 Leavers books - On going. £133 has been collected so far in donations. We may need to ask for parents to send in some photo’s to go into the books to fill them up as there hasn’t been as many class events. Parents have been generous in donating once aware that the books cost £7.50 each to produce.

Easter Fun Run - Saturday 27th march – 37 people have signed up so far. 100 blue and pink bunny ears have been ordered. Eggs still to be ordered. Can use the spare bags from the Mother’s Day shop. Emily and Sarah D to make promotional videos wearing the bunny ears doing different activities, eg hopping, walking, running and cycling to get more people interested. Miss Stiff to ask the staff to make a funny video as well. Sarah D will promote on Facebook after Mother’s Day. Anyone can join in without buying a pack and can make a donation or download a sponsorship form. Sarah D to organise attaching the sponsorship form to the Fobs newsletter, facebook and website for easy access.

Easter Egg Hunt – Wednesday 31st March – All eggs have been purchased. There are 420 children at school, this includes Fox cubs. If Fobs members can not go into school to run the event each class can run their own hunt, the worksheets and clues are ready to go. Miss Stiff has offered to put up the clues around the playground, the worksheets will need to be copied for each class. If an easter egg hunt can’t go ahead we can sell the eggs at the school gates. Alex to email Mrs McConnell next week for an update on what can take place nearer the time.

Kim Blondell Photography – Kim has offered to take leavers photo’s for year 6 with 10% going to Fobs. As not all children may take part it probably won’t work for the year book as all the children have a picture taken to go in the book anyway for free.

Summer Fair – July We won’t be able to run a normal fair as a lot of the activities such as the bouncy castle won’t work with social distancing. An alternative would be to run a bring and buy sale on the field, sell the tables or ask for a % from them. One advantage is that we wouldn’t need any volunteers, so this would be easier to organise and Fobs could just have a cake stall and uniform stall. An online raffle or auction is another option. We can start researching companies who might be prepared to donate prizes. We can put a date in the diary for a family picnic with maybe a water fight which we can then expand on nearer the time depending on what is possible. We will hopefully be able to hold some cake sales and ice-pop sales towards the end of term.

Fired Frog Pottery – On going. Need to put in voucher code for the sale to be linked to Fobs. Sarah to update the promotions on facebook.

PTA events app – This is ready to go live now and is much easier to use.

**Time and date of next meeting**

Zoom meeting on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 8pm.

**A.O.B**

Emily has offered to organise with a local florist to get some Mother’s Day bouquets (£5 - £10) that can be ordered through Fobs and can then be delivered to people at home, Emily to check availability and produce a poster.