



Friends of the Mead Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 March 2022

Attendees:

Sarah-Jane Churcher (SJC), Andy Martin (AM), Rachel West (RW), Emily Thain (ET), Sarah Morley (SM), Melissa Morgan (MM), Simone Mowling (SMo), Emma Kent (EK), Lucy Jones (LJ), Tammy McIntosh (TM), Sudefeen Colman (SC), Mary Ross (MR)

Apologies:

Matthew Grogan (MG), Matt Cullimore (MC), Cath Newland (CN), Kat Goodwin (KG)

1. Easter (SJC)

- SJC noted that the Easter disco has been booked for 30 March, 240 eggs have been purchased, including specialist eggs for children with allergies/intolerances
- SJC shared that we will charge £1 per child for own clothes day
- Mr Harley will play the Easter bunny, arriving at the end of each of the 4 sessions (EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 & Upper KS2)

2. May Ball (SJC)

- SJC noted that 12 tables have been sold so far. People with partial tables have been slow to come forward - please do encourage them to.
- SJC noted that Melissa is leading the decorating team, using Salomon's direct supplier. There will be some final bits to do at the venue on the day - EK & SMo have offered to do this >>Action
- There will be a silent auction on the night, we need 6 prizes to add our own lots to this auction >>Action: All to look at sourcing prizes for the ball

3. Year 6 Leavers (EK)

- EK noted that there is a funding request to support the Transition session, which was run by Sarah Barker last year, this is very worthwhile in supporting preparation for secondary school. Request is for £240. We may need 2 sessions as feedback was that there were too many children in last year's single session.
- EK noted that the Photography competition will run again this year, following it's success last year
- We are a bit too late in the term to repeat the booklet & stamps, this funding will be used for the transition session(s)
- A Bake Off competition for Y6 has been suggested - where the winner gets a £30 book token, and there is a £10 one for everyone else - EK to follow up with Rachel T >>Action
- Parents are being asked for £150 for each leaver, which covers: Hoodie (£25), Artwork for school, gifts for school & Miss Winter, Y6 leavers book and party on the last day
- Leavers party will be at the rugby club, children will be collected on a double decker bus and driven around a bit first. There will be an obstacle course, laser tag, disco, selfie booth, doughnuts & pizza.

4. Meadfest (SJC)

- Date this year is Saturday 10 September
- A “Mardi Gras” theme has been suggested - any other ideas, please let us know
- Pied Piper are unavailable, looking at alternate providers for inflatables. KBS can provide inflatables but have a strict no face paint policy. Forum agreed that face painting was extremely popular and should return.
- SJC noted that we need an alternative entertainment option for that end of the astro - perhaps we could look at large foam footballs & fencing off part of the astro? All to have a think about ideas
>>Action
- SJC noted that we need some performances from the children on the day, perhaps ballet/ gymnastics, if we can ensure that we have appropriate mats?
- SJC shared that we are also looking for any new entertainment ideas, or local businesses to involve. MR queried whether there is an ice-cream truck - SJC noted that this is in hand.

5. Uniform(SC/MR)

- Most recent sale raised £430, also the Hygiene Bank were very appreciative of the amazing donations
- Request for uniform will go out via parentmail, so that we will hopefully get donations as we transition to summer uniform
- Next sale will take place in the summer term, date TBC. Donations for Nourish will run alongside

6. School Projects / Funding (SJC)

- SJC noted that a request for polydron magnets for EYFS & Breakfast club/munch bunch has been approved.
- SM shared that EYFS, even KS1 all play with plastic shapes sets (example shown in meeting), we could use some more of these. SJC & SM have found a suitable version online, SM to submit form
>>Action
- TM raised that we could ask the school council for some suggestions on how we could fund requests for the older years >>Action: TM to liaise with Mr Flett & attend the next school council meeting
- The library could also use some new books >>Action: SJC to follow up

5. AOB (SJC)

- SJC noted that the quiz was a great success, with thanks to Tammy, Alex & Carlos for such a fun evening