

FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512
MINUTES OF FOBS MEETING HELD BY WEBEX - TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2021

1. PRESENT

Hayley Hammond	Claire Turner	Joanne Maher
Kate Hayes	Debs Conneely	Lorraine Parker
Martyna Piatkowska	Lisa Collins	Nick Foster
Otibho Edeke-Agbareh	Alice Watton	Taiyibha Ahmed

2. APOLOGIES

Tania Chizlett	Gemma Jones	Briarley Jenvey
Natasha Levens	Naomi Winmill	Vicky Lunn

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (SEPTEMBER 2021)

September 2021 minutes were approved as a true record by Martyna & Lisa.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Bank balance	11/10/2021	£12,695.07
Stripe account		£0.00
Petty cash		£0.00
Available funds		£12,695.07

		Agreed spend	Spent to date	Left to spend
Commitments	Teachers Floats	£1,600.00	£20.96	£1,579.04
	Xmas Week	£950.00		£950.00
	Enrichment Week Autumn Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Enrichment Week Spring Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Sports Week	£950.00		£950.00
	Contribution to Year 6 leavers	£300.00		£300.00
	Committed to Date	£5,700.00	£20.96	£5,679.04
	Available	£7,016.03		

Income since last meeting	
BFC lottery fundraising	£53.00
2nd hand uniform sales	£77.00
Summer text raffle	£341.85
Bag2School collection	£158.40
Total	£630.25

Claire reported that Tania is looking at expanding the loose change collection box locations.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Miss Watton and Mrs Ahmed passed on thanks from the school for our continued support. School are currently unsure on what the guidelines will be around Christmas events specifically the FOBS bazaar and also whether Dragons Den will be practical to run as this would usually entail face to face selling.

Miss Watton passed on a request from Miss Hughes for skipping rope packs for each class. There will be a skipping club for years 5 & 6 starting shortly with the aim that older children can learn skills to pass onto younger children. A quote has been obtained for £80 per pack with a total of £1120 to cover the whole school. After much discussion, Claire will go back to Miss Hughes to ask for more info on pack contents and alternative suppliers, how many ropes school currently have and is it necessary to buy a pack for each class?

School are still working on obtaining IT equipment quotes and Mrs Ahmed confirmed that children are using their individual headsets every day.

6. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (September 2021)

6.1 CO-OP membership – still awaiting response

6.2 Krispy Kreme doughnut sale – Hopefully to be included in Christmas events

6.3 FOBS coffee morning – This would definitely be welcomed after half term (probably Friday mornings) to increase FOBS visibility. Jo to liaise with school on dates and book in with Foxes Den.

6.4 Shed shelving – Materials have been donated by Jubilee Building Supplies and Jo has met with Dennis (Jackie Rawes Dad). Jo to organize materials transport to Woking and send Jubilee details to Hayley for a thank you letter.

6.5 BOLE October half term tidy up – As the BOLE is still being used every day by all classes a half term tidy would be welcomed. Day & time to be decided and Jo to liaise with Mr Sutton on which areas need attention. Please email fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk advising your availability if you are able to help during half term. We are also still looking to partner with a local tree surgeon and set up a regular supply of wood chippings.

6.6 Christmas Update – We have decided not to run a traditional bazaar due to unknown impact of Covid however we will run virtual events and possibly some smaller face to face events. The next sub committee planning event will be held on Monday 1st November at The Victoria Arms at 8pm – all welcome to attend.

6.7 Virtual Balloon race – This has been set up to start on 31st October and will run for a week. Posters and banners have been shared. Please support this event or share it with friends and family who may want to join in.

Discussion was also held on the possibility of running an on-site 2nd hand uniform sale before half term. Jo to check with school if this would be possible.

7. CHAIR REPORT

Jo passed on thanks to Lorraine for co-ordinating the Bag2School collection. Lorraine advised that 29th January has been pencilled in for 2022 but awaiting confirmation.

Claire suggested asking the school if we could place a permanent clothing collection bin in the car park. Jo to discuss with school

7.1 October & November events

- **Virtual Balloon race** – This has been set up to start on 31st October and will run for a week. Posters and banners have been shared.
- **2nd Hand Uniform** - Discussion was also held on the possibility of running an on-site 2nd hand uniform sale before half term. Jo to check with school if this would be possible.
- **Ascot Racecourse** – Advertising has been shared for Ascot horse racing and fireworks as we get a % of ticket sales for horse racing.

- **Morrisons gardening equipment** – We have registered for this scheme and it has been advertised.
- **Book Fair** – previous Usborne lady has moved away. Jo to discuss with school if we could use Scholastic or The Book People

7.2 Swimming pool

School currently spend £3700 per year for year 4 children to attend Bracknell leisure centre for 1 term as part of statutory PE curriculum. School have found a supplier who can bring a portable pool to school site which could then be accessed by all children throughout the school.

Proposal: Portable pool has been provisionally booked for 3 weeks in September 2022 at a cost of £6000 plus £2500-3000 for an external electrical socket. We would also need to factor in electricity costs (current estimate of £400). School will contribute the £3700 allocated for year 4 swimming but have asked FOBS to consider supporting the remaining costs.

There would also be the possibility of renting the pool to local groups to increase payback.

The committee agreed this would be a fantastic educational provision which would benefit the whole school however we would want to understand the changing facilities, pool pupil ratio and how the school would manage the swim lessons around the standard curriculum lessons. Also, under our constitution can FOBS support the electrical socket installation? Jo agreed to seek clarification on our queries from school.

7.3 IT Equipment

Awaiting quotes

7.4 Foxes Den Community Event, Saturday 16th October 12-5pm

Jo will attend on behalf of FOBS with uniform order forms and posters for our current events. Please pop down to support Jo if you are able.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Claire confirmed the ParentKind subscription has been activated.
- Debs advised that Amazon Black Friday sale is on Friday 26th November and we would plan to advertise Amazon Smile beforehand.
- Kate advised that she has received the Mini Baker magazine order form. The recommended minimum order size is 10 and next edition is due out on 18th November. Kate will create an advert and set up PTA events order link.

9. BINFIELD BEACON ADVERTISING (2nd Monday of month)

November Beacon deadline is 11th October, Kate to share a Christmas placeholder advert. December / January deadline will be 8th November.

EVENT DATES

<u>Wednesday 10th November, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
<i>Possible November event</i>	- Virtual Book Fair? & Rainbow raffle donations?
<i>December events</i>	- Virtual Christmas tbc
<u>Thursday 9th December, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
Friday 17 th December	- End of term assembly?
Sunday 19 th December	- Binfield Believes
<u>Monday 17th January 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting

<i>Possible January events</i>	- magic show & Bag2School?
Saturday 5 th February 2022	- Adults Quiz night
<u>Tuesday 22nd February 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
<u>Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
<i>Possible March events</i>	- Bag2School / Family Disco / magic show / pamper evening / gin tasting / wine tasting?
April 2022	- Binfield Egg Hunt
<u>Thursday 21st April 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
<i>Possible May events (6th & 13th)</i>	- Infant & junior discos
<u>Monday 16th May 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
Sunday 22 nd May 2022	- Binfield 10K?
<u>Wednesday 15th June 2022, 8pm</u>	- FOBS meeting
<i>Possible event</i>	- Non uniform day?
Saturday 25 th June 2022	- Circus
<u>Thursday 14th July 2022, 8pm</u>	- AGM

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 8.00pm. All are very welcome.