

FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512
MINUTES OF FOBS MEETING HELD BY WEBEX- WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2021

1. PRESENT

Hayley Hammond
Kate Hayes
Tania Chizlett
Lee-Anne Ashworth
Lorraine Parker
Naomi Winmill

Claire Turner
Tracy McBeth
Nick Foster
Kate MacKrell
John Flynn
Nicola Jenkins

Joanne Maher
Debs Conneely
Vicky Lunn
Taiyibha Ahmed
Martyna Piatkowska
Honey Walia

2. APOLOGIES

Purveen Hira
Briarley Jenvey

Jackie Rawes
Gemma Jones

Julie Nixon
Martin Alway

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs MacKrell and Mrs Ahmed passed on continued thanks from the school for all the support FOBS provide. It was also advised that the new Trim Trail is currently awaiting delivery of a replacement climbing net as the incorrect size was delivered originally and it will then need to have an independent safety assessment before use. The PE teachers will be making a video on how to use the trail and there will be a rota with access by 1 year group per day.

Claire asked that the teachers be reminded about spending their individual class float by the end of the school year as only 1/3 of total has currently been spent.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's report

Bank balance	27/04/2021	£14,747.40
Stripe account		£0.00
Pending Paypal Giving Fund		£2,535.30
Petty cash		£0.00
Available funds		£17,282.70

	Agreed spend	Spent to date	Left to spend
Commitments			
Teachers Floats	£1,600.00	£462.78	£1,137.22
Sports Week Summer Term	£950.00		£950.00
Contribution to Year 6 leavers	£300.00		£300.00
New adventure playground	£6,380.00		£6,380.00
Funding help - families	£250.00		£250.00
Committed to Date	£9,480.00	£462.78	£9,017.22
Available	£8,265.48		

Income since last meeting	
BFC Lottery	£61
Easyfundraising	£103.54
GoFundMe campaign	£2,610.00
2nd hand uniform	£53.00
Text raffle (Xmas)	£399.00
Easter Egg Hunt/Parental donations/Advertising	£2,571.50
Total	£5,798.04

2nd payment

Thanks to the contribution from the Binfield Egg Hunt and the Trim Trail GoFundMe page the bank account is looking much healthier since the last meeting and we now have sufficient funds to cover our 2021-2022 minimum spend commitments.

Claire advised that Gift Aid was applied for at the end of March but could take up to 8 weeks to be set up however hopefully gift aid can be retrospectively claimed for the GoFundMe page and the Easter distance event.

Claire also advised the September 2019-August 2020 accounts have now been submitted to the charities commission and the NatWest bank account will be updated with the current committee trustees after our year end in August.

5. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (MARCH 2021)

5.1 Trim Trail

As mentioned by the teachers, the new Trim Trail is not yet in use due to a missing climbing net.

5.2 Easter holidays BOLE tidy up - - completed

Thanks to Cher Collins for her assistance with the BOLE tidy up. The trees planted by the Binfield Environmental Group are growing well and an update will be shared with them shortly.

5.3 Binfield Egg Hunt

Egg hunt was very successful despite the increase in map price from £2 to £3. Vicky passed on her thanks to everyone who created a display for the hunt and also to FOBS for helping with advertising/banking. Funds will be shared between FOBS and Binfield Pre-school.

5.4 Sponsored distance event

End date is 30th April but unfortunately this was not very successful, maybe we were too late to launch this event or there was too much going on at once. Event may be run again around sports week in July, Claire highlighted there is a "Travel to Tokyo" event running in July where the school can earn points for sports equipment. Jo will discuss linking up with Miss Ridnell to improve participant engagement. Tania commented that the online web page did not link to an individual child or show individual distances to motivate entrants and also that family members did not want to use the online system so maybe we could consider an alternative method of collecting sponsorship for future events.

5.5 2nd Hand Uniform

Jo, Kate & Hayley have sorted and tidied all the boxes during the Easter break. Each box now has a tally chart so contents can be seen at a glance. Claire Murphy at The Foxes Den has kindly offered to assist with repairing / replacing damaged cuffs on logo items. Jo proposed we make bunting with the excess summer dresses and Martyna, Lorraine and Jill Collett have offered to help with this. Drawstring PE bags were also suggested although school may prefer only logo PE bags to be used. Jo to put out a request for more donations of logo items as there is no stock available for some age groups.

5.6 Bag 2 School

The proposed collection date of Thursday 20th May has been agreed by the Parish Council. Nicola & Lorraine offered to help. Advert will be placed in the Binfield Beacon and also publicised via school / Facebook.

5.7 Small Change Donation Boxes

These have been placed in both CO-OP stores and also Binfield Village Stores currently. Additional boxes will be placed in other local shops when fully open. Jo asked for suggestions for additional locations, Tania suggested Moss End / Robyns Nest and The Victoria Arms (she will speak to landlady), Kate suggested Fletchers GreenGrocers / Ashridge Manor Garden Centre.

5.8 Ink Cartridge Recycling

The collection box has been placed in main school reception area and this will be publicised in the next newsletter. John asked if we can collect large photocopier cartridges but Claire advised this is a separate scheme. Lorraine raised that her previous school had advertised this and other regular fundraising schemes using a banner on Facebook pages. LeeAnne said that Canva has templates for banners so this could be considered.

5.9 CO-OP membership

Tracy advised that applications open on 4th May and that we would have to show how funds would benefit young people in the community. Lorraine offered to look into how we can apply, Claire & Jo will liaise with Tracy and Lorraine.

5.10 Online balloon race

Claire has set up an account with Eco Racing and registered us for entry in the 2nd June race. School will get the children to design a balloon and the winning design will be used on the poster. Lorraine mentioned that her previous school had also successfully held balloon races through a different provider (£36 flat fee, race is only our school but we would have to provide prizes). LeeAnne & Nick to organise posters.

5.11 International awareness days

Tania advised there is national doughnut week running in mid July (ends Friday 16th) which we could link with the Krispy Kreme sales although 50% of income would have to be donated to the national charity. Also 6th July is National childrens art day and we could also consider running an event around Wimbledon (strawberries & cream sale?). Nicola will discuss possible tennis related prize with Tony @ CTC Tennis coaching.

5.12 Krispy Kreme doughnut sale

See above comments in 5.11 re running in July although we could consider running earlier.

5.13 DVD / CD online sales

Tania will look into this

5.14 Break the Rules Day

Claire had previously suggested we run this as a fundraiser. School have potentially agreed this could go ahead on Friday 28th May with a different name and changes can only be made to hair and clothing, sensible shoes must still be worn and no earring or changes to drinks / packed lunches.

5.15 Class Photo

Clare Radford has agreed to co-ordinate and this will be run via PTA events with 1 class per week.

5.16 Shed

This will need painting with preservative inside and outside when weather improves. Nicola offered to obtain paint at trade price and Jo will confirm the required colour with school. Martyna offered to help with painting. Shelving still needed for inside shed when painting is complete.

5.17 Sponsored Movie Marathon

To be discussed when Purveen is available.

5.18 Virtual event feedback survey

Jo & Kate to send out.

5.19 Skills sheet

Ongoing

5.20 FOBS committee list on PTA events - ongoing

Only 1 respondent from recent request for photos, Debs renewed request for photos from AGM attendees.

5.21 Fund matching

On going, Jo has obtained a poster with company names we can put in the next newsletter.

5.22 Summer Event sub committee

Virtual meeting to be held asap, all attendees welcome, please send an email to fobs@friend-softinfieldschool.co.uk if you wish to get involved. Nicola asked if Dragons Den will go ahead this year and Jo advised she is awaiting confirmation from school.

Potential events : Cooking fundraiser, wine tasting, open air cinema, bingo, magic show, raffle, auction, balloon /duck race, scavenger hunt / trail, quiz, BBQ / cocktail cookbook.

March 2021 minutes were approved as a true record by Nick, Claire and Kate.

6. CHAIR REPORT

6.1 New starter picnic / uniform sale

Jo is awaiting confirmation from school on whether this will run in person or virtually.

6.2 Foxes Den Coffee morning

These will restart after COVID restrictions end.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mini Bakers magazine subscription – Kate advised that school can get a payment for every new subscriber if we publicise the magazine
- Next newsletter timing – Jo will liaise with Debs for next FOBS newsletter timing / content
- Logo patches for school uniform – Nick asked if these had been considered and Jo advised school do not want to use logo patches on uniform
- Break the Rules Day – Tania has thought of a few alternative names and will email these to Jo.
- Water bottle sales – Tania also raised the possibility of us selling water bottles with the school logo through www.sportbottle.co.uk
- Breakfast / after school club – Nicola asked if FOBS had considered running these as potential fund raisers. Jo advised the school run these themselves to raise income.
- Mental health support group / activities – Nicola asked if FOBS had been asked to offer any support with the current activities being run by school. Jo to check with Mrs Duncan.

EVENT DATES

Tuesday 25 th May 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting via webex
Wednesday 2 nd June – Wednesday 9 th June	- Online Balloon race
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Thursday 15 th July 2021, 8pm	- AGM

- 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 8.00pm via webex. All are very welcome.