



FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512
MINUTES OF FOBS MEETING HELD BY WEBEX- THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Hayley Hammond
Deborah Conneely
Kate Hayes
Gemma Jones
Nicola Jenkins
Mark Ascott

Claire Turner
Joanne Maher
Martin Alway
Liz Sims
Emma Pike
Briarley Jenvey

Kate Mackrell
Purveen Hira
Martyna Pitkowska
Naomi Winmill
Tracy McBeth

APOLOGIES

John Flynn
Tania Chizlett

Kirsty Sizeland

Jackie Rawes

MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (October 2020)

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as a true representation of proceedings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kate shared continued thanks from the school for FOBS support during these challenging times.

The existing adventure trail located next to the year 5 classrooms is well loved by all the children but approx. 18 months ago it was declared unsafe for use without substantial repairs, so the school is now hoping to replace the equipment. 8 companies were asked to quote, and 2 final options were shared with FOBS. Option 1 Trim trail from ESP is the schools preferred option as it offers maximum use of the space (13 different sections) and maximum child capacity at one time. The school are planning to ask the children to choose the equipment for section 10. The school have £18,000 sports fund money which will be used towards funding the new equipment and they would like to ask FOBS to fund the remaining £4000-5000 (exact cost is dependent on cost to remove existing equipment).

The school are looking forward to participating in the FOBS virtual Christmas events starting next week (23rd November). Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, Dragons Den for years 5 and 6 will be postponed to later in the school year. School are planning several events to celebrate Christmas in school to hopefully include an online pantomime.

Claire requested that the teachers be reminded that class Christmas present links need to be sent to her by 30th November if possible.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's report

Bank balance	18.11.2020	£12,628.20
Stripe account		£0.00
Petty cash		£20.00
Available funds		£12,648.20

		Agreed spend	Spent to date	Left to spend
Commitments	Xmas Week	£950.00		£950.00
	Teachers Floats	£1,600.00	£57.04	£1,542.96
	Sports Week Summer Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Enrichment Week Spring Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Contribution to Year 6 leavers	£300.00		£300.00
Agreed 2019/2020	Shed	£2,500.00	£2,228.43	£271.57
	Committed to Date	£7,250.00	£2,285.47	£4,964.53
	Available	£7,683.67		

Income - September	
Lego & Art competitions	£108.44
Parental donations	£450.00
BFC lottery fundraising	£35.50
Easy fundraising	£29.83
Amazon Smile	£20.19
Total	£643.96

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Shed replacement

The shed has been replaced despite dreadful weather conditions and missing parts. Roof still needs to be felted, interior dried out and shelving built. Jo passed on her thanks to Martin Alway, Wes Jenvey, Bruce Jones and Andrew Hammond for all their hard work. Contents are currently in storage facility (40m²) which is £84 per month (half usual price). Discussion held on whether to transfer contents to committee members garage space to save on storage cost. Nicola offered ½ of her garage as a possibility. **Action:** Nicola to send photo of space available to Jo.

Bags2School collection

Collection held earlier today was very successful and raised £307. Jo passed on her thanks to Kirsty Sizeland and Hayley Snell for their help.

Usborne Book Fair

The book fair is going very well and will run until Saturday 21st November. Total value of orders has already unlocked the highest level of reward available (£6 free books per £10 spend) and £360 of books for the school has already been raised. School have a large book wish list due to children currently being at different reading levels across year groups and the need for quarantine. School will share the outstanding wish list with FOBS after they have spent the funds raised from the Book Fair.

Christmas Update

The FOBS virtual Christmas event will start on 23rd November and run until 11th December. We have a raffle, auction, cookbook, children's and adults' quizzes, special correspondence, bake off, gin tasting and reindeer relish. Events will be promoted via PTA events.

Adventure Trail

The two options chosen by the school and quotation were shared with the committee. Quote

currently includes £2000 existing equipment removal fee which seems high. The school are planning to ask the tree surgeon if they can remove the equipment for a lower cost. The school have requested up to £5000 from FOBS as this includes the possible variance in removal cost. The committee unanimously voted to provide up to £5000.

Nicola has a contact who would like to coat the play equipment with anti-bacterial spray as an advertising opportunity. Discussion held on whether to request the existing field-based play trail is treated with the anti-bacterial coating (it will need jet washing first) or the just the new adventure trail. **Action:** Jo to discuss with Nicola and raise with Suzie Featherstone-Wright.

Pantomime

School have found an online pantomime which can be streamed multiple times to all classrooms, cost is £200. The amount requested was queried as there are several options available believed to offer a similar service for lower cost. These lower cost options will be shared with the school, but the committee unanimously agreed to fund the pantomime up to a maximum of £200.

Fund matching

Jo asked all the committee to check if their employers offer fund matching that could be used against the Virtual Christmas events. **Action:** Jo to check with Jenny Spender if we can use fund matching through her husband as he works for Microsoft.

Skills sheet

Jo has seen this from other schools and it's a good way of getting targeted help. Needs to have particular skills on the list which will then be circulated to parents. – **on-going**

2021 Fund raising ideas

Jo asked the committee to think outside the box for future fundraising ideas and come to the December meeting with any potential options.

1. Sponsored events - Fiona suggested we could look at sponsorship type events (spelling/reading/walking), school are quite keen on this idea in particular around sports week.
2. Ink cartridge recycling - tbc

CORRESPONDENCE - none

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none

Kate raised that as the BOLE is currently in continual use, it could do with a general tidy up.

Action: Jo / Kate? To speak to Jackie about planning a Christmas holiday tidy.

Debs raised that FOBS committee photos on PTA events need updating to reflect current committee as at the AGM. **Action:** Debs to add the missing names and notify Hayley who will then email the members to ask for photos to be uploaded.

Nicola confirmed that Sears are unable to supply the usual advertising boards for the virtual Christmas however they have agreed to fund banners.

Mark asked for clarification on the procedure for raising an issue with teaching. Jo advised that the first step would be to contact the head or deputy head then the chair of governors. Mark was also advised that the school procedures are on the school website.

EVENT DATES

Tuesday 15th December 2020, 8pm

- FOBS meeting via webex

Wednesday 20 th January 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Thursday 25 th February 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Tuesday 23 rd March 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Wednesday 28 th April 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Sunday 23 rd May 2021	- Binfield 10K
Tuesday 25 th May 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Saturday 26 th June 2021	- Summer fete (provisional)
Thursday 15 th July 2021, 8pm	- AGM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 8.00pm via webex. All are very welcome.