

Friends of Drayton Community Infant School
Meeting of 25th November, 7.00pm Staff Room

Minutes

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Laura Besenzi; Joe Mills; Sarah Catten; Angela Crocker; Melanie Colman; Tracey Bunn; Nikki Buck and Heather Wilkinson

Apologies: Carlene and Dan Nicholls, Claire Chilvers, Sarah Halliwell, Louise Hunter, Becky Chick, Philipa Martinez, Claire Mander, Sarah Taylor, Kerri Tondelier.

2. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising;

Sarah Catten stepped down from being Secretary to become Chairperson. Angie Crocker stepped up to become Vice Chair. Both were nominated by Melanie and seconded by Nikki Buck and Tracey Bunn respectively.

Request for Secretary was made, but no one came forward. Put an advert for position on the school website.

Request was made from the school for the Friends to help buy new Phonics books on Black Friday. The amount of £630 was requested and the decision was taken there and then to agree.

3. AGM;

Update member's details. Class Rep list to be updated, existing list given to Sarah.

Check that new Friends who signed up at the AGM are DBS (CRB) checked, if they are not, ask them to see Maggie who can organise this.

4. Treasurers Report;

Awaiting Treasurers Report.

Melanie to find out total for Smarties Challenge and Fireworks. This has now been published on the website.

5. Fireworks Update;

Laura commented, event was really enjoyable and well received, but to consider buying a new urn for making hot drinks before next year. A suggestion was made to buy or borrow large flasks to help assist in the making of teas, coffees, etc. Tracey has two flasks if we need them.

No fish and Chip van next year, look for other ideas. Laura has a friend we could outsource hot drinks to, but prices need to be checked as it could be too expensive.

New banner for next year, Laura has found a new supplier as the old one let her down.

Suggestion was made by Sarah to move the event to a Saturday night. Concerns were raised about continued help from staff and also other more high profile events on the same night.

Maybe put a survey outside each class asking parents which night they would prefer.

6. Disco

Next school disco on Friday 5th November. Angie organising with help from Becky Chick.

Check with Freddie he is still ok to come.

Angie to check hot cupboard for supplies.

Melanie suggested giving away pencils left over from last year and remaining glow bracelets from Fireworks. Angie to count and organise buying more pencils as needed.

7. Cake Sale;

Next Cake Sale Friday 28th November-Frog Class

Request was made for helpers, Tracey and Heather offered. Louise to bring float and class rotas to be checked.

8. Smarties Challenge Feedback;

Most children seemed to enjoy this challenge and it was generally well received. Quite a few parents were struggling to find lots of 20p's though! When counted lots of different coins were in the tubes, but all gratefully received.

9. Junior School Fayre and Decorated Envelopes;

Nikki has sorted envelopes and Class Reps are to be asked to distribute Wednesday 26th.

Three large boxes are needed to sort year groups ready for judging the winners.

Rota for the Fayre was discussed and the decision to go ahead was made.

Melanie and Nikki to set up, Charlene from 12.30pm, Becky from 1pm and Angie from 1.30pm until finish.

Sell spare Flashies and maybe make up some Yellow Moon craft bags to sell.

10. Christmas Crackers;

Approx. 15 cracker left from last year. Mr Sargeant to be contacted and about 260 crackers to be ordered for this year's meal. (In hand).

11. This Year's Aims;

Tablets for classrooms already partly funded by the Smarties Challenge. Laura is waiting to see what further funding there might be before deciding on spec, etc.

Wet weather gear needed for outdoor learning. Mr Mills suggested looking at a site called Muddy Puddles and asking Mrs Spickers to take the lead on this.

Extra bike shed. Philipa Martinez has given the school quotes from different companies.

The school has decided on one from Premier Storage costing £3995.

Look at putting a bike shed committee together to look at prices for groundwork, skip, etc.

Area needs to be remeasured to check dimensions are correct.

Continue with Easy Fundraising, but try and advertise it more even though it is always on the website.

A cheque for £48 has already been received by the school from Easy Fundraising and there is still more to come.

Sarah thought it would be a good idea to offer a prize for the person who raised the most money from the site before Christmas.

Melanie has a voucher from a photographic company offering a free photo session, this could be the prize.

12. Future Fundraising;

Sarah and Angie are concerned they can't take on as much as Melanie and Cheryl did during their tenure as Chair and Vice Chair, so it was discussed which events would still continue.

They will keep the Discos, Cake Sales, Easter Egg Hunt, Quiz night (Becky and Lindsey happy to continue), Summer Party and Fireworks. Others to be discussed.

Sarah mentioned the Travelling Book Company and Melanie and Angie thought it was a fairly easy Fundraiser to keep.

It was suggested that we look at doing two Quiz Nights per year, but only have a raffle for one. Look at using smaller tables from around the school to try and increase capacity in the hall.

13. Date and Time of next meeting;

Monday 19th January 7pm staff room.

14. AOB;

Look at updating Telephone Tree, ask Class reps to help.

A Facebook page was suggested, but it would have to be under the Friends name and maintained by them as the school is anti-Facebook. This could be used for keeping parents informed of school closures, rained off events, etc.