



FLAX BOURTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

FBSA Committee Meeting

14th September 2023 8:00pm

The Angel

Minutes

Attendees: Emma Ghent (EG), Abi Henderson (AH), Emily Gazey-Mitchell (EGM), Clare Hartley-Hodge (CHH), Donna Williams (DW), Roz Rendall (RR), Amelia Taylor (AT), Laura Aitken (LA), Charli Awde (CA), Jane Rana (JR), Natasha Potter (NP), Felicity Gibbs (FG), Adam Crooks (AC), Ben Ballisat (BB), Polly Brown (PB), Sarah Nicholls (SN) Steve Lung (SL)

Apologies: BG, GG, SB, MC, PS, TM, PM

1. Welcome

AH welcomed all to the meeting – and introduced new committee/class reps.

2. Minutes Agreed

Minutes from previous meeting were agreed with minor amendments.

Outstanding actions

- The nativity video will no longer happen
- Forest School money has been spent, and no canopy needed

3. Financial Standing

EGM gave an update on the money in the bank. £946.32 is ring-fenced for football, £6476 is ring fenced for stage and drama spending, £1000 for a keyboard, £1680 for class spending on trips and £1750 class spending on treats. The remaining balance is £6608.98.

Grant applications – EG has made a number of applications – Artemis is looking hopeful and she has also applied to Hargreaves. EG has found that we will need a 'project' to apply for some grants e.g. playground improvement. There were discussions of applying for grants with Tarmac too for SL playground idea.

New School Requests:

DW asked for the following requests to be considered by the Committee:

1. Laptop trolley to tidy away and charge laptops - £1000 (approved)
2. Chestnut Playhouse replacement as rotten (FG and EGM may have a contact that would be able to repair/build)
3. Spotify/I tunes/Sing Up account for assemblies/events

SL also mentioned some longer term projects he would like to allocate money for:

1. Path around the playground for winter, for children to be able to cycle/play on with inlets for activities
2. Fold away 16 seater dining tables to replace broken lunch tables (approx. £1000 each)
3. Little shed for lost property to be accessible outside and not inside
4. Basketball Hoop
5. I pop musical performances/workshops in classes

4. Upcoming Events

Penny Wars

Piggy bank in each classroom and kids encouraged to bring in spare coins. There will be a prize for the class who gets the most over a set period of time – likely a voucher for books but TBC. Aiming for 11.09.23 launch. May need volunteers for counting.

Barn Dance 30th September

28 tickets sold. Will set a deadline for ticket sales to encourage people to book. Reps encouraged to push. May need volunteers for the bar.

Michelmas Market 30th September

Ruth Newton has given Flax a free stand 10-4. Year 6 to run it and profits go that class. AT/PB to organise

Fireworks 3rd November

Save the date being sent out this week, and a build-up scheduled before ticket release. CHH has booked fireworks, Ambulance, Rachel, food traders etc. Perhaps worth checking in that all are still confirmed. DW suggested need to speak to council/community re firework field if need permission as was overgrown last year. The firework full meeting will be in October AGM meeting. Looking at supporters rather than sponsors for the fireworks e.g. 3 companies man a stall at the fireworks

for £300 per stall, and provide the prize. They run the stall too, which saves on volunteers. EG to share her pitch for supporters, and all to reach out to local businesses in the community.

Pumpkin Carving

TBC date, but creations could be used to line paths on firework eve

Christmas Disco

DJ booked Friday 15th. DW to look into Santas. Need to organise (age appropriate) books as gifts.

Roller Discos

RR to organise more in the Village Hall. Will need a few volunteers

5. Second Hand Uniform

AH has recruited a uniform committee to be in charge of this. Next sale 22.09.23 – LA and PB to help run it. Need a plan re uniform generally

6. Bags 2 school

Next one 12th January, reminder in December newsletter, and share with community group

7. Cake Sales

All dates/classes listed. EGM and chairs to support Chestnut in their first cake sale. NOTE cakes in morning now to be dropped off with class teachers. Oak Class changed to Thursday 19th October as Friday 20th October an inset.

8. FBFC – Flax Football

Lots of sponsorship money, trying to get games – only Y5/6 and girls team getting games at the moment. SL to reach out to other schools

9. Committee Handover

Old Committee have given permission for MF, EG, EGM and AH from new committee to sign cheques

10. Other Ideas

New Committee keen for reps and all Flax parents to bring ideas to meetings/host small events to fundraise. EG suggested Long Ashton Café takeover for a coffee/cake/breakfast morning – can make £500-700 profit and 5-6 volunteers. Looking at April 24th 2024.

AT had a suggestion for drinks at Flax school events; drinks at Christmas shows/performances, coffee at sports day etc

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 12th October 2023 8pm AGM and firework meeting at Flax Bourton Primary School

Tuesday 14th November 2023 8pm at The Angel