

Minutes of the FOSS meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2010

Present: Yvonne Collingham, Diane Culkin, Sarah Erlebach, James Gowdie, Julie Latham, Janine Lowes, Philippa Lythgoe (Chair), Lynne Morris, Rebecca Powell, Christina Rees

Apologies: received from, Carol Connor, Lisa Cunliffe, Ronnie Gilboy, Jane Przyborski, Christine Warburton.

Matters arising

Julie, Lynne, and Sarah to investigate basic hygiene course. **Action: JL/LM/SE**

Decision to leave Quiz Night for a future occasion

Finances/fundraising

We are on target for a good year financially and have recently made several donations that benefit the whole school:

£420 for Freddy Fit

£500 M&M Theatre play 'Tom's Midnight Garden' in June

£250 the Skipping Man

£700 towards school trips for each class

Our Easter fundraising was successful and we raised over £360 from the coffee afternoon and Easter egg sales etc.

Yellow Moon – suggestion made to put the school code on FOSS website so any orders online will still earn commission. No response from catalogues this time. Agreed to mention Yellow Moon in the newsletter.

Bags 2 school raised £44 from the most recent collection – a good amount as we were not totally prepared this time! Agreed to book another date for the summer term and try to send bags out sooner. Also check if the van makes a later pick up **Action: Sarah E/Lisa C**

Once again thank you to James for all his work on the accounts - see separate document for details of finances

This term's events

Disco 21/5/10: Decision made to ask parents to sign children in as before for KS1 disco. A reply slip will be sent out with disco letter for KS2 children to ensure we have a record of who is in the building, spare slips available on the door. Parents can indicate on the form whether or not they are planning to stay.

For health and safety reasons, we need a minimum of 5 adult helpers at each disco and it was agreed to ask for helpers in the disco letter. **Action: PL/SE to write and copy letter**

Price to increase to £3 per child as DJ has increased her prices. Refreshments to be bought for 21st May **Action: Lisa C/James G float**

Family Disco 25/6/10: this is planned following the success of last year's 40th Anniversary disco! Suggestion made to have an 80s theme. Family tickets will be sold as we need to limit numbers suggested price £8 and all families to bring their own refreshments.

Coffee afternoon – following discussion about having an event around the time of Wimbledon, it was decided that there was enough on already at this time and we would combine a coffee afternoon with one of the sports days in July and serve refreshments after both the wheel and the races. **Action: PL/SE to liaise with J Lowes about details**

Summer Fair with Climbing Wall, Saturday 17th July, 2010

Climbing wall booking confirmed 10am start and 4pm finish.

Other events: Table top sale including nearly new uniform (11-12noon)

Sports and games activities during the afternoon e.g. beat the goalie, skipping, netball, rounders etc ask parents for help and also approach sports leaders already involved at school

Suggestion to provide small bouncy castle and train ride for younger children. **Action: Becca Powell/PL/SE**

Refreshments, ice creams, raffle. Encourage families to bring a picnic

Need to confirm whether FOSS insurance will cover this event. Mrs Lowes to check school policy. A disclaimer will be needed regarding children being the responsibility of their carers at all times. **Action: J Lowes/James G**

Planning meeting for the Summer Fair provisionally 8th June 2010

Other Business

- a. The FOSS Website now has a link enabling the school to receive 5% commission when people shop online at Amazon. Need to publicise the code for this in the Newsletter. Thanks to Russell and Yvonne for setting this up
- b. Update notice board. Suggestion to publicise the world cup competitions here **Action: Christina / Becca**
- c. New contact list to be compiled **Action: PL**
- d. Need a newsletter to go out before half term any ideas to Philippa or Sarah please **Action: PL/SE**

World Cup Competitions

- 1) "Dream Team" competition to be sent out with newsletter. £1 per entry and Mr Lowes to be asked to create the ultimate dream team! Prize (World Cup goody bag) for the one closest to this. **Action: Becca / J Lowes**
- 2) Quiz/prediction competition about results etc of World Cup matches to be sent out after half term 7/6/10 - £1 per entry Prize - free go on the climbing wall?? **Action: PL/Becca**
- 3) Competition within newsletter or on website asking children to design a world cup logo to go on a T-shirt

School events

School play Wed 30th June and Thurs 1st July: FOSS to provide interval refreshments of wine and soft drinks etc **Action: SE/Lisa C**

New starters parents evening June 16th: Philippa to represent FOSS. Any FOSS photos to Philippa please. Request for artwork from KS1 children about FOSS related activities/events etc **Action: J Lowes to ask staff**

Fund raising ideas

Recipe book Action: J Latham to investigate possibility of doing this in the Autumn

Magician evening in school Action: SE to check availability

Canvas bag (similar to tea towel) **Action: SE to investigate**

AOB

Thank you from Mrs Lowes on behalf of the school for all the donations FOSS has made and the fact that they have benefitted all the children, especially at a time when there is increasing pressure on the school budget.

Discussion about how to encourage more people to get involved with FOSS: suggestion made to encourage one off help like disco, calendars, Fairs etc and also to use the Year reps to raise awareness of events and the need for help etc

FOSS is again supporting the Y6 leavers event – thanks to Jane P for organising this