



FRIENDS OF SHIRLEY INFANT SCHOOL

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AGM Minutes Thursday 10th October 2013

Present :

Cindy Knight	Audrey Cooper	Louise Elkins	Victoria Molho	Mary Hornby
Jen Bleek	Susan Kinch	Kate Jacrim	Yvette Killick	Michelle Alldread
Jo Craig	Hannah Henderson	Naomi Collins	Hannah Deakin	Sally Dutson
Zoe Konn	Jo Blondin	Davina Diallo	Nicola Husk	Ellen Edwards
Jo James	Sarah Crookall	Rachel Holloway	Sarah Scott	
Jacqui Wesbury-Hogg	Mia Caruana	Amy Mayhew	Rebecca Wright	

Apologies :

Laura White Elissa Collins
Libby Pearce

Welcome – Jen Bleek

Introductions were made and Jen opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

Review of last years minutes.

It was decided in an effort to save paper that last minutes were not reviewed as all attended have read them and they are available on the school website.

Update from co chairs.

Jen started by thanking everyone for their hard work in the last year. That FOSIS could not run without the support of the community of the school.

Cindy then ran through the events that have run this year.

Quiz Night: Another successful annual quiz night. Great thanks go to our regular quiz master Stuart Curtis. This year we used a different fish & chips supplier than in previous years and they supplied a tasty order accurately and on time. As in previous years this was a bring your own drink event and everyone who attended helped clear the hall in no time.

Christmas Cards: Despite the issues we encountered the previous year we agreed to use apfs again as they had still delivered a quality product. Overall it worked well and this is being kicked off again this week with children making their designs in class. Details of how to order will be sent home.

Nativity: Another popular social event, like previous years FOSIS laid on tea/coffee and mince pies in the music room after the morning performance.

Car Boot Sale: This year's joint Car Boot Sale with the Juniors was held in the afternoon to avoid the many Saturday morning clubs. Whilst we had more buyers, there were only 12 cars. It has therefore been decided to change it to an Easter themed event with a table top sale, external stalls and the usual café, crafts etc.

Beetle Drive: This was run in parallel to the Junior Disco. It was great fun, with children attending with parents/carers to try and win a tournament. Food was served from the kitchen hatch and it was great fun.

Barn Dance: This was a new event this year. Whilst tickets were slow to sell and it looked like it might not go ahead, it turned out to be a great success. A good number of people attended to make the event worth while and it was great fun. It was also the first time an event has run a bar, which worked well.

Tidy Up Days: We held two tidy up days across both schools this year which allowed even more jobs to be completed. The decking was painted, the playground swept and baskets and pots were planted. Thank you to everyone who turned out to support these days, with many staying well beyond the intended finish time.

Summer Fair: This is always the biggest event of the year and held jointly with Juniors. There was a lovely atmosphere with arena performances by the children and lots of stalls, although it was quite hard to get enough volunteers to cover them all with some stalls closing at some points during the event. New ideas are always welcome to keep this a great event.

Cake Sales: As usual these were very successful with one sale run per term by each of the year groups.

Parent Forum: Three forums were held again this year. Each at a different time of day to allow attendees with varying working patterns to attend. There was some great feedback provided to the school and lots of interesting topics raised and, in many cases, follow on actions taken by the school. These have already been scheduled for this year and will continue.

Thanks: We would like to note special thanks to the following: Nina Nash for her continued support to run the café at each of our events. Jo Craig for organising the Christmas cards. Sarah Crookall for being treasurer as well as an all-round volunteer. Jo James for her role as Secretary. Emma and the office team for all their support. Jennie Bishop for co-ordinating Bags2School, and all our class reps and volunteers.

This year the school have spent the money raised for enrichment opportunities for the children. The main being robots for each classroom. The year 2 great fire of London experience also used Fosis funds.

Sarah ran through some figures from the previous year. We have had a very successful year. £1000 more was made at the summer fair this year due to the increase in entry to £1 and the inflatables. We also ran a few new events such as beetle drive, mince pie sale and barn dance.

Easyfundraising was named as an opportunity as the juniors raised far more than us. Nic Husk volunteered to promote this.

There will be a change to how the money is managed this year as previously we handed over the pot. Now the school will need to request funds from us.

Election Of Committee

Jen Bleek and Cindy Knight are both standing down as Co Chairs following two years in the role.

Treasurer - Sarah Crookall will remain as secretary.

Co-Chairs

Jo James was proposed by Jacquie Westbury-Hogg and seconded by

Mia Caruana.

Susan Kinch was proposed by Rachel Holloway and seconded by Michelle Alldread.

Secretary – Jo Blondin was nominated by Zoe Konn.

General committee members - We agreed to block nominate the following as general committee members

Louise Elkins Mia Caruana Michelle Alldread

Jacquie Westbury-Hogg Laura White

Yvette Killick Rebecca Wright Mary Hornby

Elissa Collins Libby Pearce

Other roles were agreed as:

Bag2School – Laura White

Easyfundraising – Nic Husk

Class Reps were agreed as:

Year R		
Hedgehogs	Otters	Squirrels
Fiona Brown	Aoife Mansour	Sarah Martin
Becky Evans	Victoria Molho	Davina Diallo
Year 1		
Moles	Owls	Rabbits
Jo Craig	Rebecca Wright	Helen Scott
Cindy Knight	Claire Jerrim	Nina Hickman
Year 2		
Badgers	Foxes	Woodpeckers
Michelle Alldread	Laura Honan	Elissa Collins
Hannah Henderson	Amy Mayhew	Sarah Crookall

Dates for 2018/2019 were presented.

Date	Time	Event	Job
W/C 8 th Oct		Christmas Card Designs in School	
Wed 17 th Oct	9:10am	Parent Forum	
Fri 12 th Oct		Collection date Christmas artwork	
Fri 19 th Oct	After school	Year 2 Cake Sale	
Fri 19 th Oct		Dispatch date for Christmas cards	
5 th Nov	5pm	Fireworks event	
Fri 16 th Nov	7:30pm	Quiz Night	
		Deadline for ordering Christmas cards	
27 th Nov	morning	Bags2School Collection	

23 rd Nov	4:30 – 5:30pm	Beetle Drive? Or similar event	
12 th Dec	am	Nativity	Coffee & Mince Pies
19 th Dec		Possible Christmas event with Juniors	
Wed 6 th Feb	2pm	Parent Forum	
Sat 23 rd March		Easter event (prev. Car Boot Sale)	
Fri 29 th March	After school	Year 1 Cake Sale	
27 th April	10am – 12noon	Tidy up Day 1	
17 th May	7:30pm	Barn Dance	
Mon 20 th May	6:30pm	Parent Forum	
14 th May	Morning	Bags2school Collection	To be confirmed
24 th May	After School	Year R Cake Sale	
4 th June	7-8pm	Year R Transition meeting	Coffee & Presentation
5 th June	7-8pm	Year R Transition meeting	Coffee & Presentation
8 th June	10am – 12noon	Tidy Up Day 2	
24 th June	2-3pm	New Year R Ladybird Session	Coffee and chat
28 th June		Break the rules day for Summer Fair	
29 th June	11am – 2pm	Summer Fair	
1 st July	2-3pm	New Year R Ladybird Session	Coffee and chat
8 th July	2-3pm	New Year R Ladybird Session	Coffee and chat
Friday 19 th July	After school	FOSIS/PTA Picnic	
Mon 22 nd July	4pm	Year 2 Leavers Party	Cook & serve food and drinks

Upcoming events

Parent forum 18th October – class reps were urged to get any issues fed back to Jo Blondin to collate.

Quiz night – 16th November

Beetle drive 23rd November – We discussed making this a more Christmas focused event. To be confirmed. The beetle drive would then run in January in our quiet time.

Update from school

Cate Gregory thanked FOSIS for all their hard work. They have been excellent chairs and have introduced many new ideas. Cate explained that they school think very carefully about what Fosis funds are spent on and this year they have spent some money on a new app for parent and school communication called MarvellousMe. Cate explained that this will give parents more visibility of what their children are doing in school with no extra work for teaching staff. Also, funds have been spent on access to a website called go givers. This provides excellent support for teachers.

Cate then presented the main committee with bouquets to say thank you on behalf of the school.

AOB

DBS checks could be run through FOSIS as it's a registered charity. This could be a potential saving for the school. Jo Blondin to continue to investigate.

Parents asked Cate if there are other ways that they can support the school as we are well aware that funding has been cut and savings need to be made. The school has an amazon wish list which has basic equipment and items the school need and parents are welcomed to view it and make donation as they wish.

Match funding is another way parents could help if anyone has contacts in large companies that would match fosis fundraising.

The school has recently decided to discontinue the library service. Cate thanked the attendees for all the donations of books. These donations all came from one single Facebook post.

The school apply for grants often and have had national lottery funding previously for the year R playground. Fosis can also apply for grants. The school are currently applying for active living grants to improve the large play equipment in the main playground.

We discussed how to get a broader range of parents involved in Fosis. We currently have no men involved. Bike rides were discussed but we would be need to be careful not to impose gender stereotypes.

A small gift stall for parents at the Christmas fair was discussed. Will refer to Cate.

Our storage issues were discussed as the fact we have to go to the basements to get stuff and we cannot do it with being accompanied by Mr Davies. Will find out if the large shed is water tight and whether we can use this for storage.

An adult craft evening was discussed and seemed popular.

Tea towels are traditionally doe every 3rd year but perhaps could be done more often. This should appear in next year's minutes to discuss then.