

FoM Minutes

Present

Sara Fletcher, Laura Halls, Liz Hannaford, Jim Nicholson, Pippa Burnett, Helen Frost, Lisa Chalmers, Jacqui Terry, Sue Morris, Sue Crowther, Rebecca Botterman, Claire Gill

Apologies

Jane Parker, Jane Lambe, Nicola Riding, Helen Hewetson, Anita Ford, Trudi Combey

Item 1

Jo Kynaston and his dad, Mark, attended to suggest organising a school sleepover. Brabyns School does this successfully. Mark volunteers to be one of the overnight supervisors. Proceeds could be split with a local charity and FoM. Jo and Mark will find out more about how exactly Brabyns organises this.

Sara suggested a camping night on the school field.

Item 5 Leisure and Lifestyle Fair - Thursday 11th Oct, 18.30-21.00

Phil Hewetson attended to talk about his plan for a business exhibition.

He would like to use the school as the venue for a leisure and lifestyle fair for his new company, Goyt Valley Promotions. Local businesses in the leisure/sports/lifestyle field would pay for stalls exhibiting and possibly selling their product/services. The local community would be invited to attend.

Phil's target is to make £1000 for the school. 40 stalls @ £50 each. Profit split 50/50 with Goyt Valley Promotions.

There would be 6 or 7 stalls in each classroom so this would require clearing the classrooms beforehand as much as possible.

Food would be available to buy in the hall. Most people felt it would be a good idea to have a food market whereby local food outlets (Libby's, Dutsons, Oddfellows etc) would be invited to have a stand selling and promoting their wares.

FoM would run a bar.

The main task would be to attract lots of customers and Phil would need FoM's help with marketing the event.

In principle, the committee support the proposal. Phil would like a small working group to help him. Volunteers should let Sara know. Sara and Laura already volunteered.

Item 3 Feedback from recent events

SPRING FAIR - In general, we needed more stalls but that would have meant more volunteers.

The token system for winning games was a new innovation this year and worked well.

Using older children to help on games stalls did not work! It would be far better having them on the chocolate tombola stall.

The toys and books stall was quiet.

Some raffle prizes not collected. Sara to check with Trudi and the office.

Suggestion - Perhaps we could organise a Jumble Sale for next year?

JUBILEE DISCO - This raised more than anticipated about £300.

FILM NIGHT - In general, a lovely event that earns a decent amount of money for little effort.

Suggestion - sell cartons of juice next time or fruit shoots. The foam cups were a Bad Idea!!!

Item 4 The Big Push

Helen H.'s accounts show that we have already made £5209 this academic year which gives us a good cushion going into 2012/13 when our target is £8000.

Item 6 Camping Trip

About 30 families have signed up. The weather forecast is not great so some may decide not to come. There seems a good vibe in the playground about the trip and lots of activity on Facebook.

Item 7 Future Events

OLYMPICS BARBECUE - Friday 13th July, 17.30-21.00

Organisers and helpers - Laura, Claire, Anita, Sara, Lisa, Jacqui, Sue, Liz. Bex to do the flyer.

The Husseys are providing the barbecue. Laura to find out if Andy will also man the barbecue as in previous years. Graham Parker has spoken to the butcher in Romiley re sourcing sausages. We also need veggie burgers and a separate barbecue for them.

Should we send out a plea for Gazebos?

Ice creams - Pippa and Jim to find out where the freezer has got to after the Mellor Ball.

Pippa might have a contact for a bouncy castle and someone to run it.

Sue Morris offered to check the Vernon building society website to see if bouncy castle was free.

Bar - Parfitts the night before to buy drinks, cups etc

Final decision on whether to hold the barbecue will be taken on Monday 9th July after school drop off.

Bex to do a flyer for the barbecue.

RAFFLE - Olympics themed so each class will be allocated a country and asked to donate items associated with that country. The countries will be:-

France:

Italy:

Australia:

China:

USA:

Spain:

India:

Helen Frost to take the lead in organising this but Jacqui and Sara to assist.

We would ask for donations to be brought on 13th July with a non-uniform day to promote this.

Jacqui to arrange printing of raffle tickets. They'll go in book bags asap. We'll also do a children's raffle for children who've sold a book of tickets. Helen to buy £20 voucher for ToysRUs as a prize and ask florist to help with decorating baskets.

The prize will be drawn on 20th July in assembly.

FILM NIGHTS - No more planned for this academic year.

MAGIC EVENING - Dave Myers has suggested having a Magic Evening for the children. he knows a magician who would do a free show as a way of publicising his party business.

We could have a pocket money stall selling wands and tricks.

Suggested date - 20.09.12.

TALENT SHOW - Shelley not present so Liz to email her to find out if she's still able to organise this. Suggest date 06.10.12.

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT - Suggested Date 16.11.12. The Empress in Marple to be asked to provide food again. Sue Morris' father/father-in-law can provide questions. We can use the big screen for a picture round. Sara will speak to Martin Reid to see if he might be happy to do the quiz or just compere.

The screen could also be used to show a Bollywood film as background before and after the quiz.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - Suggested Date 25.10.12

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Suggested date 30.11.12.

CHRISTMAS BALL - Suggested date 8.12.12. Sara to speak to Martin about the logistics of this.

SPONSORED EVENT - Jim offers to do a sponsored rock climb and split the proceeds 50/50 between FoM and a charity. Some time in September for optimum conditions! Start collecting sponsorship at Olympics Barbecue. Jim/Anita to get the ball rolling.

This would be followed by a children's sponsored event at Rope Race climbing wall - children to climb equivalent of Everest!

DOUG SCOTT coming to school 7.11.12. to give a talk and raise money for Nepalese charity.

Item 8 Newsletter

Suggested items for inclusion:-

Big Push update

Thank you to everyone for support/volunteering/clearing up

Dates for your Diary

Phil's exhibition (maybe best to wait until Welcome Back Newsletter in September?)

Jim's sponsored climb

Photos from the camping trip.

Item 9 New Parents' Evening 5th July

Sara, Helen F and Liz to chat about FoM to new parents.

Liz to put together a flyer by Wednesday 4th July. It should include Dates for your Diary, Welcome, what is FoM, how to keep in touch.

Item 10 Clearing out the FoM Cupboard

We want to carry all the stuff down to the hall so we can sort through it properly. One Saturday in September. Then on Monday we have a junk stall where parents can take what they want and put some money into a donations box.

We could also try selling our "vintage" cups and saucers on Ebay and use the proceeds to buy new ones.

Could we also find some money to buy shelving for the FoM cupboard?

Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th September