

Friends of Morley Meadow meeting minutes

September 2021

Time: 1830-2000

Venue: Morley Meadow Primary School Library

In attendance:

Laura Ide

Kelly Holborow

Julie Hawtin

Leanne Kiesling

Gemma Matthews

Jo Mathews

Sally Geary

Claire Duncan

Jo Coles

Apologies from Tom Jones, Emma Roberts, Helen Purdy, Anna Gunn-Parker

Agenda:

1. Welcome introduction to Morley Meadow
2. Finances
3. Halloween events
4. Christmas
5. Tuck shop
6. Amazon Wishlist
7. Playground
8. General communication

1. Welcomes and introduction to FDS

LI to lead meeting, KH to guide meeting with reference to agenda and subjects to be addressed.

Welcome new attendees

- ❖ Task: LI/KH to organise a date, time and venue for our next meeting.

2. Finances

Last terms push for funds raised around £2.1k towards the school library – well done to everyone organising, sharing and fundraising.

Request from Mrs Duncan for staging to be provided / fundraised for ready for Xmas.

Request from Kate Lyon for Wild Tribe material, cost of wood around £45.

- ❖ Task GM to communicate with School for cheque presenting.
- ❖ Task KH and LI to contact local companies about staging for measurements to be taken. Must be space saving for storage purposes.
- ❖ Task GM / LI to provide cheque for materials for Wild Tribe

3. Halloween

Hosting_of events such as discos are to be avoided due to high covid rates in the region.

Halloween goodie bags to be sold on last day of term 21st October for £1 per bag.

Halloween pumpkin carving to take place at home with 50p entry

❖ Task

Order goodie bags and sweets Halloween themed

Appeal for volunteers to sell goodie bags on the last day of term afterschool. Cash only .

4. Christmas

Again, due to covid rates no plans for a Christmas fair at this point, however this is to be reviewed at AGM end of October. There are however numerous Christmas event opportunities coming:

- KS2 Christmas Carol service – provisionally to sell hot chocolates and glow sticks. Date (provisional) Wednesday 15th December.
- KS1 Christmas Nativity- selling of dress rehearsal pictures for foundation Nativity as well as KS1 Nativity. This made good money previously and a good novelty “on the day gift”. Provisional dates 8th December (Foundation) and 14th December (KS1)
- Homeless shoebox appeal for local persons arranged formally through local fundraiser
- Secrets Room – providing Christmas gifts for parents, requesting donations from parents of gift sets, bubbly Bath, chocolates etc which the children can come in and purchase, wrap and label for £2 per present to take home for mum dad granny etc

Tasks:

- Once provisional dates confirmed, arrange volunteers for all events
- LI to photograph dress rehearsal photographs
- KH to contact local fundraiser reference Homeless shoebox appeal
- Request donations from parents for Secrets Room ready for purchase of gifts.

5.Tuck shop

Feedback financially was that ice lollies were good sales and raised more than tuck shop.

Tuck shop well received although feedback from Mrs Duncan that some parents felt pressure to buy a bag.

Given the ethos of health school Tuck shop NOT to continue at this time but goodie bags allowed at events and such.

With the goal to have a parent from each class on the PTA, possibly looking to work alongside school council to join programme such as Fruit to Suit.

❖ Task

Research programmes such as fruit to suit.

Goodie bags to be made up by volunteers for Halloween.

Ice lolly potential continuation next summer.

6. Amazon Wishlist

Issues with emails through transition meaning teachers have been unable to sign up properly.

Suggestion from Sally, Claire Jo that staff felt it would be better to have one whole school list which all staff can access and add items. Texts or newsletters can then be sent out specifying that X product has been requested by X year group for parents to buy should they be in a position to do so.

Tasks

- ❖ KH to rearrange amazon Wishlist to be reflective of whole school list
- ❖ Email or newsletter notification to be sent out by Mrs Duncan advising of Wishlist

7. Playground

Fundraising has gone on for a number of years towards a trail being purchased for the school playground. Initially this was to take place at Dunstone where space allowed, however at this moment in time there is not the space for a trail to be placed in the Morley Meadow school playground. It is noted by staff that playground painting such as the 100 square, hopscotch, number snake and “follow the line” type art was most beneficial to the learning of children while not impacting on space if they are choosing not to use it during an activity.

Task:

KH/LI to look into quotes for playground paints and find out measurements of space for this to cover.

Survey to be sent to whole school parents for voting on money spent on playground to gauge their ideas.

8. General communication

It was discussed how to get more parents and carers involved in Friends of Morley Meadow and we are looking to get a parent representative from each class which will enable a spokesperson to present ideas from their age group. Many groups have a WhatsApp or Facebook group for communication where messages can be shared among parents.

Social media is bringing outside contact from the local community and businesses requesting to be contacted for local fairs.

Previous minutes have suggested we would look to purchase a gazebo, two were found in the cupboard while relocating (although need checking to ensure all parts present).

Hoodies generally well received from year 6 leavers, however bottle feedback is that they were too generic. Class list was never received and for safeguarding reasons possibly not safe for personalisation on these

bottles. Request from Mrs Duncan for the FMM to provide a book bag for every child next year instead of a bottle.

Questions were asked over playground access when school becomes 2 form entry. Estimation for 5-7 years before becoming 2 form entry and having full use of playground.

Discussion over possible lottery for parents – needs more research before voting.

Discussion over linking with local businesses such as Babcock for sporting events equipment etc.

Discussed sponsored events using 4G pitch such as “dad’s football” to bring in the wider community. Lighting use not currently possible until bat survey completed so will re-evaluate potential use of pitch at next meeting. Possible to have inflatable events next summer.