

FoTCSED Minutes

Monday 5 March 2018

Present: Beth Follini (Co-chair) Lizzie Peters (Co-chair) Bella Wimalasena (Treasurer) Lisa Godfrey (Publicity Officer) Louise Lear (Co-secretary) Cath Ollerton (Co-secretary) Alex Adie Adele Clarke Charlotte Newell Tim Muffet Kate Duchene Hilary Payne

Apologies: Polly Raymond, Rachael Holmes, Audrey Ball, Maria Oakley, Sophie Huda

1. Welcome and Introductions

Beth (chairing) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following our AGM in January we now have four Year 7 parents on the Committee - good result.

2. Minutes from last meeting.

It was decided that minutes from the AGM are to be approved in the next AGM.

3. Finance Reports

Our bank account is showing a healthy balance of £2150. Not much financial movement at the moment as there haven't been many requests for money from teachers. Lizzie and Beth to write to teachers (possibly via Celia Johnson, our Governor link) informally to encourage bids. Equally it was decided that hanging on for bigger, worthwhile projects is valid. Some discussion as to whether or not we should

contribute to creative school trips; however, it's important not to lose sight of original ethos which was to support extra-curricular activities.

4. Grant requests

There have been 2 requests for funding. Mr Shum's [note: this request was attributed to Mr Barron in error] request for £85 for Rubik's Cubes was authorized. Secondly, the Art Department have requested a financial contribution to a project to make and cast a sculpture in bronze to place in the grounds of the new site. Talks are underway with the Fundraising Group; however, costings have recently doubled to £12k. The Fundraising group will clarify with the Art Department where exactly the money is being spent. The idea of a sculpture to celebrate the new school is great, but it's a huge amount of money and doesn't really fit in with the criteria of supporting extra-curricular activities. Possibly Southwark Council could be encouraged to contribute as part of an initiative to showcase new schools in the borough.

There is a need to get more proposals from staff. It was recognised that space is a particular problem at the moment; storing large items such as musical instruments is problematic. Alex mentioned that there is still an application pending for musical instruments.

5. Elections

At the AGM a new role of Sponsorship Officer was proposed. Three people have put themselves forward

to form a Sponsorship Committee - Charlotte Newell, Alex Adie and Sophie Huda. Charlotte was nominated by Lizzie and seconded by Louise; Alex was nominated by Beth and seconded by Lizzie; Sophie, in her absence, was nominated by Adele and seconded by Tim. FoTCSED is very pleased to have the Sponsorship Committee on board.

6. Upcoming events

General discussion re raffle donators - Louise to produce a list of local companies and donations thus far. Also a discussion re thankyou poster designed by Ms Daly last year. The poster doesn't need to be redesigned each year - a template with a box for a different image/picture each time is fine. Beth to speak to Ms Daly about this.

ACTION - BETH

Summer Camp

Last year's camp was very successful. This year's camp will be whole school - to include both Years 7 and 8. Last year's camp coincided with Exam Week, which we want to avoid this year. The weekend of Friday 6/Saturday 7 July has been booked. The camp can hold up to 500 people, so may therefore be used by other groups at the same time as us. Lizzie estimates we will be a max of around 80. Adele suggested there should be an emphasis on the BBQ, with the camp as an optional extra, as this may be easier for new parents to engage with. It was suggested that Audrey would make an excellent Activities Officer if she wished to

take on that role. Lizzie wondered if an organiser for each year group was appropriate and there was some discussion as to whether or not that was necessary. People are needed to help out on the day - Lizzie will put a note in the newsletter to appeal for volunteers. Vicky knows a Year 7 parent who may want to help out. We also need a designated person to organise the BBQ. It was decided that the person running an activity should write a paragraph for the newsletter.

ACTION - LIZZIE

Summer Concert

No date as yet. Some discussion about the PA system which was not good. Ezekiel's dad David, who did the school disco, may be able to provide a better one.

Easter Fayre

To be held in the first half of the Summer Term at the Adventure Playground Dog Kennel Hill. A small committee of people is needed to organise it. It will be a fairly small, social event with the opportunity to fund-raise. It was decided that early May would be a good time as the weather will be warmer and evenings lighter. Could be tied in with May Day - a May Day Get-Together. There was a discussion as to when best to hold the event - Friday after school, or Saturday afternoon. Friday would be best to get kids to attend but Saturday possibly better for parents. Saturday 12th or Saturday 19th May mooted as possible dates. Fund-raising opportunities include tombola (Charlotte) and Jolly Jars (Louise), as well as tea/coffee and a

cake sale. Not sure if they have an alcohol licence at the Adventure Playground. It may be possible to invite Year 6 parents who have accepted places (although the conclusive list will definitely not be available till June/July). We need somebody to organise an Easter Egg Hunt/Chocolate Treasure Hunt.

Bella to liaise with the Adventure Playground to firm up a date.

ACTION - Charlotte - Tombola

Louise - Jolly Jars

Bella - liaise with AP

TBC - Year 6 Parents

TBC - Choc Treasure Hunt

Southwark Walk to the Sea

Annual expedition consisting of one leg of the walk along the Thames to the sea, taking place on a Saturday in early September. As this is Natasha's project, we will wait for her return before organising it. (She will not be back until July, so we may need to set the date and do some work on this beforehand.)

ACTION - Lizzie to speak to Natasha

7. Engaging the wider community

Beth has contacted four people who expressed an interest in volunteering but don't want to join the Committee. Lisa offered to draft a piece for the newsletter to encourage volunteers.

Alex mentioned that Charter North has a Dad's Group. Lizzie's partner Alex Howard would be interested in

something similar, and Tim suggested a 'parental jam night', where parents could, if they wish, bring along an instrument to a local pub (!).

We discussed the picnic which was a great opportunity for welcoming new parents. Details will be posted on the East Dulwich Forum after Easter.

ACTION - Tim (para for newsletter - Jam/Pub night)

8. Reports back

Publicity group: Rachel Holmes has written a short piece about the Friends which can stay on the school website indefinitely. We have a list of core businesses to thank for raffle donations; Louise will send the list. It would be nice to include their business logos but uploading images is very time-consuming. Lisa will speak to Oseme (admin officer at school) to see what can be done. Newsletter will go out before the end of term.

Uniform Exchange: Adele has lots of boys' clothing; not much girls'. Everything is washed, cleaned, vacuum-packed and stacked ready to go.

Book Sponsorship: It was decided to hold fire on the books for the moment, and have a post-Christmas push when we're in the new building.

Instrument Donation: Miss Withers is very appreciative, but given storage problems donations can no longer be accepted at the moment.

Questionnaire: Rachel and Rob have drawn up a questionnaire for parents to elicit information about skills, how to contribute etc.

9. Responsibilities

Reminder that committee members must attend at least two committee meetings per year.

10. AOB

After the full meeting, there was a discussion about some of the problems that parents had noticed relating to extra-curricular activities, such as cancellation with no notice, no-show of activity leaders, etc. Several members reported dissatisfaction with sports provision, in particular football and netball teams.

ACTION - Beth to raise this with Celia Johnson, link Governor.