

Friends of Willowbrook – Monday 27th April 2017

Agenda: Spending update, Film Nights, Summer Fete.

Present: Kayleigh Owens, Ann Kirby, Matt Kirby, Lisa Vosper, Rob Vosper, Georgia Scott, Gemma Kirk, Kelly Stapleton, Rachel Bruce.

Apologies: Kirsty Pearce, Jo Elworthy, Emma Morse.

Financial Update

- We have £5,263.90 currently in our account.
- We made £363.81 profit from the discos.
- Recent purchases that we have paid for are the Polytunnel (£1,024.67), outdoor learning tools (£326.67) and waterproof trousers (£720.00).
- Originally we had been asked to pay £2,200.00 to excavate and fence off the pond and £2,980.00 for the fencing off for the chickens in the orchard area. However, the pond excavation was paid for by the school, so therefore we only need to pay £700 for the fencing to make the area secure. Georgia explained that the fencing proposed was not high enough to be safe, so we will need to purchase higher fencing, with an estimated cost of £1,500.00. Orders are to be placed ASAP.
- Georgia explained that the plan for the chickens is now on hold, as the Polytunnel area needs to be completed first.
- Year 6 have requested a loan of £250 cash for their annual £5.00 challenge. This was agreed and will be paid for using our petty cash.
- All members also happy for us to pay for the ice creams for the Year 6's trip to the beach following their SATs. (These cost £102.50 last year).

Possible ideas to spend some of the money

- Football Kits - Following feedback from parents and staff following yesterday's football tournament, the PTA would like to purchase football kits for the children. This was discussed before. Kirsty has said that Matt Upston has a contact. Rob also has a contact at ProServe. We will need to ask Sarah Stanbury find out what quantity we need etc and get some quotes/place the order.
- Possible whole school Cinema trip – you can rent out the whole of the cinema at the Odeon. Kelly mentioned that the Odeon may be free?
- Library – is there a lack of books for higher ability girls? Many of the higher ability books are targeted at boys.
- Playground equipment – parents feel that it is dangerous/chaotic in the mornings whilst waiting for gates to be opened and several children have been knocked over by the older children.
- A new sound system for the hall. Also some disco lights for the annual discos.
- A message screen for the office for parents with reminders and updates.
- Giving each class/Year group an amount e.g. £200 to spend on whatever they choose.
- Meet with the school council to see what they would like.

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- There are still very few staff and parent members of the PTA, especially considering the size of the school, meaning that the workload for the few members is high. We discussed ways of solving this;

- Can we have an event to allow parents in to find out more about the PTA. Perhaps 3pm in the community room, with tea and cake for an informal chat?
- Can we put a letter in the new Reception intake packs that we send out to let new parents joining the school know what we do? Lisa suggested that we had a section for parents to add their email address. Could we also add a slide to our Nursery and Reception Powerpoints for parents?
- We could keep adding to the newsletter.
- We could send out a Q/A form to parents to find out more information/see what the barriers are.
- Mention again to staff members in breakfast meeting.

Summer Fete

- Beacon Heath Summer Fete is on Saturday 24th June. Therefore, Friday 7th July has been suggested as a possible date.
- Kayleigh to contact the emergency services to see if they can attend the fete. If there are any problems, Rob has a contact.
- Due to the new fence outside Year 2 only having a pedestrian gate, these vehicles will have to come round the back playground – we need to check that this is ok.
- Can we ask again about a bouncy castle?
- Stocks and Segways were suggested as new attractions.
- Kayleigh is going to contact the animal attractions that we had last year.
- We will need to purchase balloons and other decorations for the fete such as bunting.
- It was discussed that we need more whole school support in setting up for the fetes. The Christmas fete was particularly difficult as no teaching staff were released for the afternoon and there were not enough people serving teas and coffees. It was suggested that we assign jobs for people in the staff room a few weeks before.
- We need to split the collection of prizes and raffle donations that Lisa organises between us. Particularly for the Christmas fete.
- Lisa to keep receipts to claim back stamps, envelopes etc. We could buy a stock of envelopes/stationary needed. Please can we organise some more headed paper for Lisa to send out letters.

Film Nights

- Possible suggestions are: BFG, Trolls, Moana and Sing. Lisa and Kayleigh have kindly offered to loan DVDs. We need to meet next week with the school council to choose the films.
- Can we find out what film Year 6 are watching at the cinema on the 12th May, as this clashed before with one of the films that we showed last year.

General Fundraising

- Organise some regular cake sales and ice cream sales.
- You can buy banners to advertise this if we are going to do regularly from ClassFundraising.
- It was suggested that we have some non-uniform days to raise money. Parents have fed back that non-uniform is easier than fancy dress. £1 per child. 16th June was suggested, so that this gives a few weeks in between film nights and the Summer Fete.

Many Thanks