

Friends of Burhill School
Minutes of Meeting Monday 21 January 2019

Present: Sarah King (Chair), Heather Webb (Co Chair and Minutes), Sally Taylor, Gemma Adams, Rhiannon Flury, Dori Gandhi, Jane Anderson, Lisa Yarwood, Diane Dewar, Julia Roberts, Emma Cairns

Summer Fair Committee

Still no volunteers to run this event! Help to be requested on Twitter, Facebook etc and Mrs Taylor to feature it in the Burhill Flyer. Jane Anderson is possibly available to act as Chair of a Summer Fair committee but will need a lot of helpers.

Quiz Night

Dates were discussed but due to the number of other events taking place over the next two terms it was decided to shelve the idea of a Quiz Night until next year.

Strictly Pamper Evening

Mrs Taylor's sister has kindly agreed to participate in this again this year and last year's committee are happy to organise it again. Date set for 4 April.

Christmas Fair Feedback

All feedback has been very positive. Final profit was £3683 which is down on the previous year, but there were fewer outgoings so the profit is higher.

The level of donations for alcohol and sweet tombolas and treasure jars was down a lot on previous years. This meant that the tombolas sold out very quickly – the sweets in under an hour this year. It was discussed how to encourage families to donate items to the tombolas and to make treasure jars. Suggestions included teachers collecting donations at the classroom door instead of leaving the trollies outside the school entrances, producing a guide on how to make a treasure jar to go home in book bags, holding a competition for the class with the most donations/the best-looking treasure jars etc.

Spending Money

Library: Sum of £10K has already been pledged. This will purchase the tree which is going in the centre of the Library, some new listening posts and also some books. The carpet and tree have been ordered, the current Library is closed for stocktaking and new books will be arriving soon. Hopefully the new Library will be open after Easter.

Outside Toilets/Changing Rooms: Again, a donation has already been pledged but no project costs have yet been available. A meeting will be held soon with Surrey County Council, who are managing the project, and Planning Permission will be sought if necessary. Hopefully work will begin in either July or September (if Planning Permission is required).

New PA system for Hall: It was decided that this year's Burhill Ball would raise funds for this project. Mrs Adams is attending a technology exhibition this week to source a company to supply and install the equipment. Estimated costs £10K.

Targeted Support Resources: Mrs Waller has supplied a list of software, books and other resources to be used to provide targeted support to all children. Estimated costs are £5K – these requests were all agreed.

Mrs Adams requested £1K to be spent on upgrading the outdoor learning equipment at the school. This was agreed and will include repainting the hopscotch grid in the playground. Some parents had also suggested that new monkey bars and other play equipment be installed for the use of KS2 children. It was felt that this was not appropriate as there would be no members of staff available to supervise another set of equipment, and that for the majority of the time the current equipment is not that busy.

Forest Area: This project has now started and will be funded by the School. The designer has offered us a wooden sculpture of a robin which would be a very striking addition to the entrance to the area, and Mrs Taylor wondered if this was something that FoBS would be interested in purchasing. It was felt that this was a lovely idea – Mrs Taylor to bring estimate of costs at a future meeting.

History Books: Miss Flanagan has requested £1K to purchase more class sets of history books. This was agreed.

Upgrade to Chickens Accommodation: Mr Hill is getting quotes to build a new roof for the chicken coop. It was agreed to fund this work – specific amount to be agreed at a later meeting.

Burhill families were asked recently to suggest things that could be purchased by FoBS. The meeting discussed the most popular suggestions and made a shortlist as follows:

- Coloured bibs for Sports Days to eliminate the need for children to have to provide coloured T-shirts from home
- An end-of-year treat for all children such as a Circus Skills workshop.
- School waste recycling box.
- Dressing-up costumes.
- A wedge to be used in Gymnastics Club.

Parents and carers to be contacted via email shortly and asked to put this shortlist in order of priority. The most popular item will be purchased, plus the next item on the list if funds are still available, and so on.

Any Other Business

Rhiannon Flury reported a profit of £100 from today's second-hand uniform sale. We now have so much stock that a "Buy One, Get One Free" sale will be held in April. This will be held at the Childrens Centre entrance as more people will see it that way. Rhiannon suggested that it would be a good idea to make up bundles of uniform for any Burhill families in particular need of help. Audrey Pugh (Home School Link Worker) and Sally Ruby (Childrens Centre Manager) to be approached for help with this.

Jane Anderson asked how much money FoBS would be donating to the Year 6 Leavers events. £600 donation confirmed – the same as last year.