

Minutes of Friends of Montalbo School Meeting held 18th April 2018.

Present:

Mr C Minikin –Headteacher
Shaun Thornton
Hazel Rayner
Louise Finlay
Julia Steele
Laura Francis
Abi Smith

Apologies:

Simon Miller –FOMS Treasurer
Rebecca Simpson

1.Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of meeting 31st January 2018 were discussed and agreed.

2.Matters Arising:

Thank you letters to sponsors of Summer Fair –majority of letters have been circulated. Outstanding ones to be circulated within the next couple of weeks.

School wish list –trips paid for. Head phones, outside clock, new board games and outdoor waterproof coats for nursery and reception still outstanding. Funds available for these when purchased. Julia to check with Mr Miller if waterproofs and head phones have been ordered.

Committee members –Mrs Shann wishes to stand down from committee.

3. How to engage parents /members to join FOMs

Social event was discussed for future engagement.

Communication was also discussed. Important that we use the Poster Display Board outside the main entrance to promote meetings and events. Also need to keep FOMs Facebook page up to date. It was recognised that all parents /carers do not use social media. Mr Minikin will keep putting updates in weekly newsletter.

4. Finance

Current balance is £9031.22. £5800.00 of this amount is ear marked for the garden project. Does not include Easter Egg Raffle money. Hazel kindly agreed to take this to count. FOMs has £100 petty cash and £50 float. £703 direct credit has been received from CCDF that may belong to school.

5. School update /Garden project update –bid has been submitted to Northern Heartlands. U'turn has been ordered. Interviews are set up for next week with 7 members of the public regarding the railway. One more interview space is available. Hazel recommended a gentleman whose details she will forward on to Abi.

Some of viaduct is done. Should be finished in a couple of weeks.

Signs /information boards to be added.

Landscaping to be completed by Kevin Tatchley.

Mr Minikin keen for a play train to be added which the children can use. Will look like a replica steam train.

Open day for all involved in project and businesses who have supported project and fundraising in September when school building work is nearer completion.

6. Fundraising Activities 2018

-**School lottery** –Abi has kindly set this up and publicised following idea recommendation from Rebecca. 17 tickets sold to date. First draw will be Saturday 28th April. Continue to promote to parents/ carers/families etc. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

-Recycling in aid of Fire Fighters –provisional date set for 25th September.

-Easy fundraising –used by other schools as an opportunity to raise valuable funds. Website is: www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Option to advertise to parents /carers. School has raised funds from this in the past.

-Pre-loved uniform – **Pre-loved Uniform** –no uniform sold at recent events. Julia has sold some clothing on Barnard Castle selling groups. £20 to date. Group happy for Julia to sell donated items in this way to raise funds.

-Summer Raffle –Agreed to arrange Summer Raffle. Tickets to be printed and put in school bags. Tickets will also be available at Summer performances and drawn at this event. Letters to be produced to forward to businesses to request raffle prizes.

-Bingo Night –group looking to arrange Bingo Night Tuesday 22nd May 2018. To contact Pam Ashmore to see if she can run bingo Session. Tickets £2.50 with Pie and Pea Supper included. Film will be arranged for children at £1 per child with Popcorn and drink included.

-Halloween Disco –to arrange later in year

-Christmas Performances –detail to be agreed later in year.

-Christmas Cards /tea towels /bags etc –Julia has requested brochure and sample kit from Class fundraising. To discuss at future meeting.

We have not glitter tattoos or glitter left –to purchase for future events

FOMs still has some beads and ceramic pens –Louise is kindly storing these. Also one huge tin of mushy peas –Louise will check date.

Louise has about a dozen raffle prizes collected for Summer raffle. Julia also has some prizes. Hazel kindly agreed to donate a prize.

Louise has not received the certificate from DCC, however payment has been taken.

7. Dia de Montalbo! Supporting /promoting meet parade –FOMs happy to advertise event etc on website if school wish.

8. Date of Next Meeting –it was agreed next meeting will take place Wednesday 9th May at 5.30pm to confirm details for Bingo Night and Summer Raffle

Please note –since meeting Bingo Night has been confirmed for 6pm on Thursday 7th June as Pam and Mary not available 22nd May.