



Friends of Hazlemere C of E School OGM 26th September 2022 @ School Hall

The meeting commenced at 20:00 with Becky Wotherspoon and Katie Simon as Chair, Marney Hallett as Treasurer, and Hannah Wuermli (Secretary) taking the minutes.

Present: Mrs Hipgrave, Holly Jephson, Marney Hallett, Karen Adams, Katy Richards, Helen Sarner-Taylor, Hannah Cullen, Hana Beever and Katherine Cook

Apologies: Mrs Bhabra, Clare Lacey, Lucy Goodman, Sarah Howse, Annabel Osborne, Clare Dean, Georgina Fox, Joanne Hawes, Karen Bruton, and Eleanor Tiangga.

<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received and noted
<p>2. Approval of Minutes (Meeting 19th July 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved
<p>3. Chair Update (Becky Wotherspoon and Katie Simon)</p> <p><i>Welcome to our new team!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As detailed in the minutes of the AGM (26th September 2022) and in line with the Friends constitution, Becky Wotherspoon and Katie Simon (Co-Chairs), and Hannah Wuermli (Secretary) have taken on their new positions, effective immediately. • Thanks was given to the previous team for all their hard work and commitment to fundraising for our school. • BW commented that anyone who's keen to be more involved in the committee or any aspect of the Friends work, please let us know.
<p>4. Finance Summary (Marney Hallett)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Balance £17,887 – Committed spend £6,350 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Renovation of EYFS outside space (£4,000 committed at this point) – Professor Bubbleworks (£1,350) – New PA system (£1,000) – Media Suite (£-TBC) – Available funds £11,573 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MH suggested looking at doing another big project to work towards given that we have a substantial amount still in the bank. – Last year we raised £12,000 but should bear in mind we had an extra fair in the Autumn which bought in extra revenue.
<p>5. School Update (Mrs Hipgrave)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Reads, most classrooms are fairly well stocked but books are getting tatty and broken. A request was made to top up specifically early years but also older years where books are missing or need replacing. It was felt we should provide these books rather than asking parents to contribute given the increase in living costs. Teachers will do an inventory of which books are needed and we will communicate to the wider school that the Friends will provide these books this year. • EYFS: Following the last meeting Mrs Bhabra has asked for £5,000 to help decorate and update the inside as well as the play area outside. As was noted in the last meeting, this investment would be beneficial to the whole school as attracting more pupils to the school will increase funding. It was confirmed during the course of the meeting this £5,000 included the £4,000 already committed on the 19th July 2022. • Early Years: During discussions on Early Years improvement it was discussed whether parents could help more either through a wish list or physically helping with the renovation. Friends to speak to Mrs Bhabra about the possibility of sending something out to parents.

- Media Suite: In the previous meeting it was agreed we would contribute towards the cost of the new media suite that was revamped over the summer. We have requested an invoice from the school for equipment already purchased but have also noted this is an area we are keen to invest in if there is more equipment that may be useful.

6. Autumn Term Fundraising

- It was discussed during fundraising ideas that the cost of living could well effect our fundraising this year, KS suggested we concentrate more on putting things on for the children and helping families rather than repeatedly asking for money, a focus on providing value for money in the events we put on.
- Bags 4 School - raised £72

Autumn Term Fundraising Ideas

- Krispie Kreme sale - It was discussed whether to reintroduce class cake sales but decided that, we would instead, increase the number of Krispy Kreme sales and give each class responsibility to help host these, starting with Year 6 on 21st October. Then the money raised would go to that classes golden time.
- Sponsored walk when this was done in previous years raised £2000, it was noted this was possibly higher than average due to it being the first fundraiser post covid but still thought worth doing again in the spring.
- Wreath Making MH to ask Sarah for her availability, our ideal date would be Thursday 24th November. We still have plenty of decorations but will need volunteers to collect foliage.
- Christmas Cards It was agreed to do the Christmas cards again this year but KA advised to do it asap as it is cheaper the earlier we order.
- North Pole Correspondence - HJ is willing to do this again with some help from volunteers. We need to order more paper and envelopes.
- Christmas Jumpers - HJ is happy to wash and organise the Christmas Jumpers again this year. It was decided to send out request for donations before half term.
- Christmas Panto - Unfortunately The Wycombe Swan is no longer offering a school discount so will look into other options.

7. Dates for the Diary

- Quiz Night 14th October 2022
- A reminder will be sent out to class reps for the quiz
- KS to get the licence for alcohol
- Bar and snacks still to be sorted.
- Next OGM - 3rd November 2022
- Balloon Race 1st December 2022
- Christmas Fair 3rd December 2022
- We need to source a Father Christmas for this event.
- The fair will take place in classrooms again now that covid restrictions have lifted.
- Christmas Disco 9th December 2022
- A new DJ is needed, it was suggested to ask through class reps for contacts/recommendations.
- Summer Fair 10th June 2023
- Date to be changed, school office needs to be informed and new date set.
- Summer Disco 14th July 2023

8. AOB

- Christmas DVDs - Jo Wuermli is happy to do the KS1 nativity DVDs again this year although will need an earlier cut off for orders needed before the end of term any orders placed after the deadline will receive theirs in the new year. The EYFS nativity Jo is unable to attend but is willing to edit and produce the dvds so BW and HW are happy to film for him.
- Christmas Nativity Photos - Mrs Farmer's brother did these last year, we need to ask if he is happy to do it again and book it asap. It was also noted that we need to be aware some nursery children were not in on the day of the dress rehearsal so didn't have a photo on the day of performance, this



is something to highlight and look into.

- Celebration Boxes - We need to look out for these coming on sale and buy them early as this is the cheapest we'll find them. Was discussed whether to try and get donations from supermarkets? Also to ask for info on how many dairy free are needed.
- Toy Tombola - It should be noted that The Entertainer does not donate as many toys as in previous years so we will need to source more for this years tombola.
- Pre-loved Uniform - KS asked for volunteers to help with the pre-loved uniform this year. KR volunteered to help fulfil the orders and it was decided that we would introduce a longer turn-around time and the order would be left in a box in the foyer.

Meeting closed at 22:00

Next Meeting 7:45pm Thursday 3rd November 2022 @School Hall