

## Minutes of FORM meeting & AGM 25/10/18

### **Present:**

Jude Parry, Brigid Briggs, Sian Pike, Martin Ratcliffe, Alex Prince, Rachael Baramuszcak & Anna Wooldridge.

**Apologies:** Katie Robins, Andrea Dukes & Marisa

### **Minutes & Matters Arising:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

Alex presented the progress with the garden project. The wood idea for the pizza garden has been abandoned due to large price rises. It was discussed that the key needs were a digger and manure.

Rachael has contacted JCB who will hopefully be able to provide some manpower, diggers and a working party for the poly-tunnel. Jude to put out a request for a digging team. Alex has some good contacts with a team of local residents in Rocester. Richard Lowndes will volunteer for 5 hours per week and his first task will be to build container alley. Local resident Susan Maiden-Dalton has single handedly been able to raise £500 from the local community and businesses. This means that only £250.40 is required to be able to purchase the poly tunnel. FORM have agreed that the real focus for fundraising this year must be towards the garden as it will ultimately benefit every student at the school. Alex is putting the plans up onto the local Rocester Facebook page to try to draw in more support from the local community.

Regarding diggers, Sian may be able to get her husband to do the digging work if we can hire a digger. Rachael to look into insurance & H&S.

Jude is able to donate a shed from Lime Trees Vets Cheadle and the only other real needs are for membrane and woodchip.

The ideal plan is to get the pizza bed dug before winter.

FORM would also like to instigate the bring a bulb to school day, so that every child has something in the garden that is theirs.

### **Other Requests:**

Rachael has expressed to all teachers that they must lead the fundraising plans for any thing that they need rather than expecting FORM to be able to just stump up the cash.

It was discussed that the SEN room is still without an interactive white board. This come in at a huge cost of £3000+. Jude to speak to Miss Herdman to devise some plans for fundraising & check parent kind website for discounts.

For year 8 leavers FORM has agreed to fund leavers hoodies & Anna happy to design to help reduce costs. All other experiences need to be raised for by the children.

### **Other Events:**

The frost fayre will be running again – FORM to sell hot chocolate & cake as really good fundraiser last year – date to follow.

Chocolate Bingo – decided to run before Christmas & Easter. Ask for donations of chocolate again.  
Date - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Disco needs to be moved to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December as Thursday the last day of term

It was discussed if the children could run a summer fayre with a present presented for the best fundraiser – book token or suchlike.

Sponsored walk will run as a sponsored walk next year – May 2019.

### **Financial Report:**

Martin confirmed that more money was spent than was raised over the last year. However there is still £3500 in the bank. Fundraisers were discussed and care with sweets for disco's to ensure they do not go out of date as margins very tight with these.

### **Election of Officers:**

The election of officers took place and the results were:

Chair – Jude Parry

Vice Chair – Brigid Briggs

Secretary – Anna Wooldridge

Vice Secretary – Sian Pike

Treasurer – Martin Ratcliffe

Vice Treasurer – Sian Pike

Staff Representative – Rachael Baramuszczak.

Trustees: Jude Parry, Martin Ratcliffe, Emily Ball & Brigid Briggs

### **AOB:**

Jude to ensure a calendar of events is put onto FB page

School to provide FORM with a noticeboard in school

Anna to make a fundraising thermometer/tracker for the garden project

Next Meeting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5.30pm.