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Minutes from:
Friends of Leavening School Committee meeting

Friday 21st January 2022, 2:15pm

Present: SM, NM, NH (Zoom), SK, DS **Apologies:** 0

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Gambling license (in order for school to hold raffles etc). DS has now completed the application form for this. It has been signed by SM. SK to send off the £40 fee via cheque to RDC.

Minutes to be typed up and distributed after FoLS committee meetings-requested by NH. SK to action.

Parent/Carer helpers – we have had an encouraging number of volunteers who have offered to help at recent FOLS events and likewise have offered with future events.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

Signatories

SM, DS, SK and NH to be added/changed on FoLS bank signatories and mandate. NH has forms and will complete. SK to confirm addresses of above with NH in order to action the changeover.

Treasurer update to include balance and monies raised at autumn term events

- The Christmas disco raised **£111** via ParentPay
- The Movie afternoon raised **£81** via ParentPay
- The Carol Singing event with Swinton Brass Band raised **£30 cash** (this was spent on extra chocolate selection boxes for children; in addition to the ones kindly donated to school from Sainsburys at Monks Cross, York).
- Louise Tolhurst's hair-cut in the playground **£232**

The latest balance stands at **£2738.66**

Fundraising purposes for this academic year

SM announced school had received a grant of £5000; to assist promotion of good mental health and wellbeing. School is looking to create a sensory garden. The grant will go towards this but additional money (£500-£1000) will be needed to supplement the purchase of extra plants, flowers, seating etc.

We are awaiting quotes from local gardeners/landscaping companies to implement the creation of the sensory garden-SK to chaseup. SK to also contact James Johnston (Chair of Leavening Parish Committee) regarding any possible surplus saplings that school may be able to obtain (that are to be planted in village as per LPC's planned Queen's Jubilee celebrations later in the year).

Mrs Price (KS2 Oak Trees class) would like to purchase some additional science equipment. FOLS have agreed to pay for this. Awaiting details of items and costings from JP.

Plan future events for the rest of the academic year

Monday 14th February – Valentines Disco

5pm-6.30pm £3/child.

SK to request parent helpers (ideally 4). It was noted that the Christmas disco (Dec 2021) had been an enjoyable and successful event. NH to get drinks and crisps. NM to be on the door. SM and SK would help supervise-SM to ask other staff if they could also help oversee event.

Friday 25th March – Spring Fair

Children in all classes across school will be asked to make crafts which will be sold at the event. DS to ask local businesses to source prizes for raffle (this will be drawn at end of Summer term/July). NM/Parent volunteers to run café at the fair. Cake donations to be requested for the café – to be brought in on the day of the event. Stalls will be available at £10/table for local companies/traders. SK to email reminders out nearer the time.

Friday 18th March – Non Uniform Day

Children are to bring in an Easter treat for the tombola (for above event) which volunteers will be needed for (SK to email request out to parents).

Thursday 7th April – Movie afternoon at school

3.30-5pm £3/child

Further details to be confirmed nearer the time. Previous similar event proved popular.

Any other business

SK to invite LPC (JJ/chair) to host the village Easter Egg Hunt which hasn't been held in recent years due to C-19.

Next meeting: Friday 4th March 2.15pm