

Minutes of the FBS Meeting – Friday 25.01.19

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 In attendance – HG, KP, VW, PW, MH, NMB, LB, SB, NN, DA

1.2 HG opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and explained the reason for the meeting is to discuss the funding towards interactive whiteboards.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 NSL

3.0 Discuss the purchase of the school's funding request for interactive whiteboards.

3.1 MH requested funding from the FBS towards 4 interactive whiteboards, he explained that all 4 currently have de-lamination where the glue around the edge of the board is not working which means the whiteboards at present are not working to their full potential.

3.2 MH contacted 'Smart' to ask what could be done – he was told that they would need to be replaced, 'Smart' have suggested a new panel screen which will enable 10 touch (multiple children would be able to use at one time) and also would mean the projectors are no longer required as the whiteboards would also be able to take on the role of projector.

3.3 HG – asked how much? MH explained it would be about £11,500 for all 4 - although there is a small issue where the walls may not be strong enough to take the weight which would require 4 stands at £200 each.

3.4 MH explained the school has some money in their funds which they'd be happy to contribute – MH would be grateful for anything the FBS would be able to put towards whiteboards.

3.5 NN asked MH how much could the school contribute? MH explained they have £7000 remaining to pay on the loan for the newbuild but what with income and contributions the school has received they would be able to pay the shortfall.

3.6 KP explained that if the FBS were to contribute towards the whiteboards there would be no money in the funds for an end of year trip – KP asked MH how he would justify this to the children? NMB explained they have looked into having a team from 'Wildwood' come to the school for a day and partake in an interactive workshop consisting of 4 activities for all children to be involved in (NMB explained this could be instead of a school trip) – the cost for this is £150 plus 50p per mile in fuel costs – rough estimate was £200. NMB asked for the funds to be donated to the school from the upcoming bake sale and disco to fund this? DA said the school trip idea is for fun, in the past educational print outs for the school trip were made but not used. NMB explained when going out of school environment for a trip it is hard to juggle many tasks so would be easier to be kept simple. General consensus of the members was that money raised from this date would potentially be put towards an end of year trip.

3.7 KP suggested all the available money in the FBS funds (£7,553.68) to be put toward the whiteboards, VW questioned should FBS keep back some for requests. SB suggested adding more events (pamper day) to raise more money, KP we will continue to hold events and raise money to build up the fund again.

3.8 KP mentioned that previous leavers parents aired their views that money has been raised over many years and not yet spent on the school for their children to benefit – it would be nice for the money to be put into the school now.

- 3.9 KP asked MH if there were other priorities for the school right now such as resources required in classrooms and he advised that whiteboards were the main priority and that he would be grateful for as much of the FBS funds as we were willing to make available. There was some discussion NN suggested FBS fund 50% and the school fund the remainder. The general consensus was that £7,500 be made available. Members unanimously voted to approve the request by a show of hands. MH did not vote. NSL messaged her approval for this project prior to the meeting.
- 3.10 Request form was signed by all at meeting.
- 3.11 KP per our constitution the FBS will require an invoice – NMB to supply this.
- 3.12 MH very thankful to the FBS for all their hard work and helping to contribute towards the whiteboards.
- 3.13 MH to order the whiteboards without delay so they could be fitted and used as soon as possible.

10.0 Any other business

- 10.1 It was decided in the meeting the school themselves will pay (£200) for the ‘Wildwood’ workshop.
- 10.2 MH supports the idea of a school trip at the end of the year and has suggested extending the school day so that children can enjoy more time at the venue. HG believes school trips are of high educational value and benefit all children especially those who might not get a chance to visit other places.
- 10.3 NMB explained she has funded the cooker using AFC funds – (NMB had previously asked the FBS to fund this.) however, she will require an electrician to fit it into the staff room kitchen – SB offered her Dad may be able to help – LB also mentioned CH husband is an electrician and may be able to help.
- 10.4 NMB previously asked the FBS for a fridge freezer – this has now been donated to the school.
- 10.5 NN what’s next to raise money for? MH AstroTurf for the outside area and eventually a forestry garden. DA a forest school would benefit all children, VB is level 1 qualified in the forestry school but would require level 3 training to be able to run the forest school. MH we do have access to people who would be able to help.
- 10.6 HG handed out coaster samples – general consensus great idea – cost to school £1.90 each to sell for £2.50 this is with no card, just coaster or £4 with a card. HG high in cost – NMB suggested asking parents to pre-order? HG to look into this.
- 10.7 HG asked if FBS could use the kitchen and hall on pancake day (Tuesday 5th March) to make pancakes and sell them to the children – PW suggested children be collected from classroom and brought through the hall to exit – this may increase sales of pancakes?
- 10.8 VW to continue to work on the existing pupil requests – looking for donors of items rather than using money. VW requested that the school advertises the bake sale (1.02.19) again and keeps requesting donations for this from parents this week.

11.0 Meeting Close

Actions

- NMB to send KP invoice for the whiteboards
- SB to ask her dad to install cooker in staff room – failing this to ask CH husband if he is able to help.

- HG to look into coasters for Mother's Day – maybe asking parents to pre-order?
- PW to design poster for pancake sale
- HG to organise pancake sale
- NMB to advertise the cake sale 01.02.19 again and advertise for donations from parents.