

Defford cum Besford C of E First School Friends Association Meeting

Thursday 16th January 2014 at the Oak, Defford - 7pm

1. Welcome and apologies.

Present: Helena Lewis, Kirstie Brown, Helen Ide, Kara Thomas, Lindsey Craddock, Gillian Blythe, Amy Rollason.

2. Apologies.

Angela Johns, Steve Ide, Arabella Davies, Kelly Payne, Diane Small, Clare Larden.

3. Minutes of the EGM

Minutes approved.

4. Treasurers Report.

KB confirmed over £2,000 in both Current Account and Savings Account. This is after £500 towards school library; £300 towards Forest School; £433.50 towards the Christmas Panto trip and £259.95 spent on Jute bags. Have some expenses to come for Quiz Night such as £28 for the Village Hall.

GB discussed Panto for 2014, looking into a visiting production and sharing the experience with another school, more information will come from the school. **Committee do discuss funding needed from FA to plan our 2014 spending.**

GB asked on behalf of Andrea Bailey if FA would apply for Cadbury Grant. School have applied to Awards for All to fund works needed for space/room used for wrap around child care provision and kitchen facilities including a cooker but looking for Cadbury funding to enhance school, such as peripheral aesthetics including notice board. All agreed FA will do this and to look into other funds available to enhance facilities at our school. LC informed us of Wychavon grants, total fund of £50,000 but £5,000 normal request for specific projects in the community. Also discussed funding available from new developments in the village **AR to research how we received the educational contributions etc** that developers have to pay once they start building. District Council have 5year development plan that we can research. **Committee to action the Cadbury Grant application** with information from school on what is actually needed

5. Matters Arising.

Parents in FA HL questioned how we get more parents involved with the FA. Discussed how FA communication could invite parents to get involved without any long term commitment. FA Newsletter could ask for feedback on what Cadbury bid should include? FA will have a page on school website too so minutes will be available on their.

Funding HL asked for FA to fund music for whole school, such as recorders. Funding discussed and GB informed meeting that whole school swimming will be started later this term and funding is needed. HL proposed FA to support swimming and KT seconded.

National Potatoe Planting LC asked if the school would like to be involved with Three Counties planting potatoes event in March. Event is free and invited back in summer to dig plants up. GB asked for more information. **LC to liaise with GB**

6. Fundraising

a. Chinese New Year Disco. KB will attend as staff and GB will be supporting staff member as wants to see an FA disco. Parent helpers are more than welcome. HL and LC offered their help on 31st January. In future AR to include 'can you help' box on reply slips. Discussed inviting pre-school and agreed parents must attend/take responsibility so all children can have a fun night. Proposed by KT and seconded by LC. **AR to send out invites**

b. Curry & Quiz Night. - taking place on Saturday 8th March at the Village Hall. Applying for TENS license so there will be a bar. Chicken/Veg curry with popadoms dips and all the trimmings. **AR to ask Red Star for all veg. KB to ask Ken Tallis for chicken.** FA to fund table clothes etc. **Need posters/flyers/advert in parish mag**

c. Valentines/Easter activities. Valentine's Day is too close to Chinese New Year disco so decided on Easter disco on Friday 11.04.14. All children will leave with an Easter egg. Looking to do event straight from school, 3-3:30pm snacks and get changed with disco from 3:30-4:45pm as last day of term and some families may be going away. HI brought to committees attention the need to review our Risk Assessment for discos and all activities to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

d. Calendar of Events. Confirmed Pig Roast planned for 11th July 2014

e. New Ideas. All agreed new ideas needed will put an ask out to all parents to help include new/more parents. **AR to include on Newsletter**

7. School Uniform ordering.

KT read out a text message from AD expressing her willingness to hand over or carry on. HI put herself forward, KB nominated and HL seconded. **KT to discuss with AD.**

8. AOB.

No other business discussed as meeting went on much longer than planned.

9. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 25th March 7pm at The Oak

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.