



FRIENDS AT BECKSTONE

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015
At
Beckstone Primary School

Present: Helen Finlay, Chair	Lyndsay Scott, Secretary
David Warbrick, Headteacher	Maddie Mitchell, Parent
Jude Yoxall, Deputy Head	Danielle Millar, Parent
Anna Bagley, Nursery	Heather Hemsley, Parent
Alison Needham, Year 6	Bernie Cunningham, Teaching Assistant.
Ben Scott, Pupil	

Apologies: Kathryn Walker, Philippa Vaughan, Helen Little, Kate Mahone

Mrs Scott recorded the minutes of the meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting

Members confirmed receipt of minutes of our last meeting and approved their contents. Mrs Vaughan has attempted to source personalised geometry sets following our last meeting but has been unable to do so however unpersonalised sets are still an option. Hills Books have offered to supply pocket dictionaries at a cost of £5 each.

Treasurers

We presently have a balance of £4168.85 there have been no changes since our last meeting. We are still awaiting the proceeds of our sponsored event (approx £1400) to be paid into the account this will bring the balance to approximately £5500. Mr Warbrick is to chase this.

Bingo Night

Our Bingo Night is scheduled for Thursday 21st May at 6pm. Admission £2 per adult, £1 per Child (max £5 per family) to include 1 book with admission , extra books may be purchased for £1 each.

Hot Dog and drink to be sold for £1 to include soft drink or tea/coffee. Mrs Finlay to purchase hot dogs, buns, serviettes and milk and to check stocks of tea and coffee. Mrs Bagley and Mrs Yoxall to prepare and serve food.

Mrs Cunningham to purchase bingo books and run stand up bingo at interval. Prize to be decided (chocolate from non Uniform day donations or percentage of stand up bingo proceeds).

Mrs Needham to run 20p game if Mrs Hemsley unable to make the event.

Raffle tickets to be sold on the evening with prizes of chocolate hampers . Mr Warbrick to check stocks of raffle tickets and Mrs Finlay to make hampers/purchase additional prizes. Text reminder to be sent out requesting chocolate donations.

Fun Day

To be held on Thursday 16th July. Asda Community Champion Dave White has pledged free ice lollies for all children . Attractions to include bouncy castles , possible climbing wall (Mr Warbrick to consider contacting clip n climb who have a mobile wall or Fire Station), nail painting by Danielle who has agreed to purchase nail polish (for which she will be reimbursed) and paint nails, face painting by Maddie - stocks already held.

Expenditure

Mrs McKeating has requested funding to purchase 90 dictionaries for year 5/6 at a cost of between £7 and £10 each following a change in the curriculum which requires all pupils to be able use a dictionary effectively. Members agreed up to £700 funding for this; and as Mrs Vaughan is presently in discussion with Hills Books regarding year 6 dictionaries hope that a deal may be struck if purchasing both sets.

Following our last meeting Mrs Bagley produced information regarding Block Play which helps provide impressive development of education and sociability skills. The equipment is good quality and has a 10 year guarantee. Members were happy to agree to funding £2000 towards the purchase of 360 blocks with 2 cabinets (which would allow use in other areas) and ride on vehicles for both Nursery and Reception classes. School to meet any additional funds required.

Any Other Business

PTA members to run a raffle on Sports Day (Maddie volunteered to be on the raffle stall). Mrs Walker has a potential prize from the riding stables, additional prizes of chocolates/wine to be provided by PTA rather than requesting from parents due to recent request for Bingo Night. Numbers of prizes to be controlled due to time constraints. Maddie Mitchell agreed to help subject to available childcare..

Dave White Asda Community Champion has pledged drinks for all pupils on sports day and Beckstone is currently represented at the coin drop to raise funds for our Fun Day. Members suggested text should be sent out to make parents aware of this.

Due to levels of funds committed at this meeting members discussed ways of boosting our financial resources. Persimmon, Story Homes, Lawson's and Derwent and Solway Regeneration Fund (as detailed in Times and Star) were all suggested as potential benefactors.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting which is also our AGM is scheduled for Monday 21st September at 5pm