



WSA Meeting

Wednesday 20th January 2021, 8.00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees:

Dave Morel, Amy Shaw, Tamar Oviatt-Ham, Katie Greenhalgh, Tom Mason, Becky Binney, Katy Gilbert, Tom Bowran, Susan Passmore, Lorna Hopcroft, Marie Clements, Emma Byrom, Catherine Wainright, Anna Woodward.

Apologies:

Karen Monks

2. Minutes of the last meeting (AGM) and any matters arising (circulate)

No comments on previous minutes.

3. Requests for funding (see annex 1 and additional request)

Two requests for funding:

- Musical instruments – Requests for 2 x Boomwhacker and 1 x steel drum a total of £336.25 – fund approved (14 votes).
- Graphic tablets – to support remote learning, as they enable teachers to write onto PowerPoints, a maximum total of £510- funding approved (14 votes).

Laptops – 14 from DFE and school have purchased an additional 16, 9 from Willingham youth trust – further businesses and Willingham action group. Trying to provide these to families that need them. However, there is still an issue of broadband. The school is also trialing providing dongles to provide broadband in areas where it is lacking. Can we raise awareness of the ability to provide laptops to those who need it. Over 95% of pupils have accessed Teams this week or had paper packs, or are in school.

4. Feedback on previous events:

a. Christmas Raffle

There was an issue with the online payment system, not everyone who purchased tickets received emails. The raffle raised approximately £1000. This was very successful, we would be keen to repeat this.

However, due to the issues we didn't have confidence in the system and so ran a paper-draw with all the text and BACS payments added to the draw manually. The winners were drawn by Mr Morel online and recorded for our records. Not sure if we would use combination of text and BACS next time as process should have made it much simpler without the need for a physical draw.

The WSA considered whether to run raffles at the fen gallop?

b. Secret Shop

The children loved it. It raised about £300- it was felt there could be an option to keep it separate in the future? The WSA felt that the secret shop could be run again during the

school day if the school is agreeable, as the event was more popular than during the Winter Fayre. We need to consider if the Winter Fayre should be run during the week to enable teachers to attend as part of directed learning time. There was a discussion about possibly running it on a weekday evening with the staff involved.

c. Virtual Elf Visit

The children enjoyed it, but there were issues around the company used. Unlikely to repeat next year, we would like to do something ourselves instead.

d. Wreathmaking

A massive team effort, we sold 51 wreathmaking kits and received good feedback. Could we do it earlier in December next year? Also possibly do a single delivery weekend? The ideal date would be to deliver around the 10th/11th December. We raised approximately £570. Hosting on-line worked ok, but was slightly more difficult.

e. Pantomime and theatre visit?

The pantomime worked really well, the children enjoyed it. Having it on the last day of term worked well for the school. We would like to try and do something different each year, i.e. a play or orchestra?

The WSA felt that we should consider doing the pantomime like this next year as it was less disruptive to teaching and had a significant cost saving to a visiting Panto in January. This would also free up additional funds for a different play or music experience for children during the year e.g. play/music orchestra. We could also investigate possible free online Panto options that might be available next year e.g. Norfolk County Council

5. Plans for Virtual Ginuary

To be held on the 29th January

We have sold out and sold 10 further packs. There will be a separate quiz included if the attendees are not planning on joining the zoom call.

The gin has been dispensed and the garnish packs are done.

Marie has chased everyone who has not sent their addresses today.

Delivery:

- Amy and Tom to help with delivery to green street.
- Catherine will help with Balland field
- Susan to help with bourneys manor, Covent garden.
- Becky to help with station road.

Everything will be done by Friday, they will need to be delivered on Sunday 24th or Monday 25th.

It was agreed we can use the School Zoom account for virtual events and so at present should not sign up to a paid Zoom licence.

ACTION – Dave to set up a meeting for Friday 29th at 8pm.

6. Ideas for future events:

a. Village bulb planting

It is probably too late to plant spring bulbs. Sunflower seeds would work better, they can be planted from April to May. We could include a message on the envelopes and could hand them out to the children (if they have returned).

b. Valentine's day and Mother's Day?

More comfortable celebrating valentines' day rather than Mother's Day. Mother's Day can be difficult for some. The message for valentine's day could be around love in its whole form.

Ideas include:

- An afternoon team pack?
- The auction room would be happy to make the scones, although it would be worth considering other options.
- ***ACTION - Tom to talk to contact in Over about catering.***

- Or the book warren?

Agreed to focus on valentines rather than Mother's Day.

c. Virtual easter Egg Bingo?

We will need to wait and see what the situation is. However, it is unlikely that we will be able to have a large group of people together. So, we should plan for a virtual event.

We normally do a donation of eggs from parents. Need to work out how we deliver – fewer larger deliveries.

d. Fen gallop

Being held on the 4th July.

The committee has met, currently sold 155 entries. Hoping that in July we will be able to run it in person, although there may need to be a staggered start. Worst case scenario is that we will run a virtual race.

It is unlikely that the summer fair will happen alongside – although we will consider closer to the time.

Awareness is being raised through Facebook and via posters.

We usually get about 500 entrants.

ACTION – Marie to distribute posters to those who are happy to have it in their windows.

7. Any other business:

a. JustGiving Page

Set up, may use it to do a sponsored run when the children are back at school.

b. Second-hand uniform

Susan has a lot, but not proposing to sell at the moment. Will keep until children are back at school.

c. Amazon Wishlist

It is up and available, additional items need to be added to it. However, there is a risk that it cannot be cost-effective over school suppliers. Also, school does not need additional supplies.

It can be difficult to find the link to the wish list.

ACTION – Marie to send the link out again, Becky to review and see if anything else could be added.

d. AOB

Marie to raise awareness to the wishing windows and the wishing tree.

8. Date of next meeting?

Wednesday 24th March – 8pm via zoom.