

Willingham School Association

Meeting Minutes

Monday 23rd September 2019 – 8.00pm

The Duke of Wellington, Willingham



Attendees:

Marie Clements, Lorna Hopcroft, Katie Gilbert, David Morell, Amy Shaw, Becky Binney, Susan Passmore, Karen Nicholas,

Apologies:

Emma Bowyer, Emma Byrom

1. Minutes of last AGM and any matters arising:

The minutes of the AGM on the 6th September were approved without comment.

2. Treasurers report:

The Bar and BBQ event on the 20th September was extremely successful, it raised over £1000 and received positive feedback from a number of parents.

There was a discussion about purchasing another BBQ, it was agreed that we should contact the Scouts to ask if we can borrow theirs for the next event.

ACTION: Restock the store cupboard

ACTION: Contact Neil Eccles to discuss borrowing the Scouts BBQ for future events.

3. WSA spending proposals:

The following spending proposals were received:

- a) Purchase of a licence for the “numbots” app. This is suitable for younger children and supports the maths approach being taken in the school. It is likely that this will be a replacement for mathletics which may not be renewed next time (spring 2020).

The cost for the licence is £94.90 pa.

The WSA approved the purchase of the numbots licence.

- b) Purchase of mid-day play equipment and games. There was a request to purchase a selection of games and equipment for the children to use during lunch. Much of the current equipment is broken and there is a wish to have new equipment to replace it. This will also support the new behavioural policy.

The cost of the new equipment is £650

The WSA approved the purchase of the new mid-day play equipment.

The following spend has also been agreed for 2019/20

- Christmas Pantomime

- Funding towards purchase of the new running track
- Support for the swimming pool
- A coach for the choir to attend the O2.

The WSA also approved the funding of £5 per pupil for activities in 2019/20.

4. Upcoming events

a. Pamper Night – Saturday 5th October

The event is on track, booking forms are now available and appointments can be booked and paid for at reception.

We will need 6 helpers for the evening, to cover the bar, door and the general event. Marie, Karen, Katie, Susan, Lorna and Emma By all confirmed they should be able to help.

ACTION: ALL to put posters up round the village

ACTION: Confirm list of helpers

b. Film night – Friday 1st November

It was agreed that this will now be a whole school event held in the hall. Children from year 1-6 will be able to attend with tickets purchased in advance.

The film will be Transylvania 3 and the event will run from 6pm – 7:45pm.

We need helpers for this event, to make popcorn and also help run the event. Katie, Amy and Susan confirmed they would be able to help.

ACTION: Confirm list of helpers for making popcorn and running the event.

c. Christmas Fayre – Saturday 30th November

The plans for the Christmas Fayre are progressing well, Emma Byrom has contacted the stallholders and Emma Bowyer has booked the photographer.

Other activities planned for the fair include: Craft Stalls, Entertainment, Secret Shop/Grotto (which will have presents for children and adults), and a tombola.

There was a discussion about next year's event and it was agreed that we would consider re-launching the event to make it more of a school driven event with WSA support.

However this year would be the same as previous years.

There was a discussion about prizes donations for the tombola. It was agreed it would helpful to ask for different donations from each class – it was agreed we would ask for the following during November:

- Year 5/6 – donations of children's toys
- Year 4 – donations of sweet treats and chocolates
- Year 3 – donations of children's toys
- Year 1/2 – donations of alcohol
- Reception – donations of cakes

- Honeypots – donations of cakes

ACTION: Send out email asking for donations during November

5. Performances before half-term

The performances of Columbus the musical will be held on:

- Tuesday 15th October – 6pm
- Wednesday 16th October – 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – 6pm

We will need at least 3 helpers per performance, Becky confirmed she could help on the 17th and Katie on the 16th.

ACTION: Confirm list of helpers for performances.

ACTION: Katie to message Year 1 parents to ask for volunteers to help

ACTION: Marie to message Year 2 parents to ask for volunteers to help.

6. Christmas Cards – 2019

The production of children's Christmas cards is on track; Ms Varty has the order forms already. Susan has agreed to be responsible to organising this and will collect the order forms and money from reception during the ordering period.

7. Bags2School

There was no update on Bags2School.

8. AOB

The following AOB was discussed:

- Dave will be running safeguarding training on the following dates:
 - o 8th October – 6pm
 - o 9th October – 3:30pm
 - o 12th November – 3:30pm and 6pm.
- There has been a request from a parent to borrow the popcorn maker, this was supported by all.
- A new company has been sourced for the hoodies which will allow on-line orders.
- We are continuing to try and raise funding for the running track
- The next meeting will be held at 8pm on 29th October in the Duke of Wellington – all welcome!