



FOSP Meeting Minutes 16 September 2021

Minutes

Committee Members

Chair - Charlotte Catton

Vice-Chair - Fiona Neale

Secretary - Ashley Dean

School Representatives

Miss Waite (Headteacher)

Mrs Hann

Welcome to the new parents from class reception!

Apologies from Rachel McNally (Treasurer), Lydia Dean (Co-Secretary) and Natalie Bell who notes that some Zoom meetings would still be appreciated to allow for parents unable to get out on an evening to attend.

Overview from Chair

We've achieved a huge amount over the last 18 months. The Aviva fund raiser, Scarecrow trail and Christmas events (including the Window trail, school play DVD and lucky bags) raised significant income for the school which has allowed us to help fund the new nature area, which is almost complete. St Paul's parent and professional gardener Jules Fern working with the school to fill the beds with plants.

The Mobile Farm was a big success, the children really enjoyed this end of year treat.

This December we shall be running the Christmas Fair, and also facilitating the Christmas Window trail. St Paul's church is ok'ed to host the fair (TBC) on 3rd December and we will launch the trail on this date by selling maps on the stalls.

Eytan Zweig asks if it is possible to host a window in the trail, even if families are away over some of the period it is running? The answer is yes, it doesn't matter if the lights are off in some windows, although, if it's possible to put some on a timer, that would be preferable.

We hope that the fair will be as exciting and successful as previous years, but things may be a little different this time. The capacity of the church may be an issue and we need to re-establish links with partners (such as businesses who contribute to the tombola) who may have had a difficult time over the last 18 months and are no longer able to help out.

A School Disco is booked in for Thursday 4th Nov (5pm-5.45pm for early years and Key Stage 1 Children and 6pm - 7pm for Key Stage 2). The DJ is booked.

There is a caveat to all the events where there is a mass gathering of people (i.e. The Sausage Sizzle, Disco and Christmas Fair) because as we have come to expect, there are many unpredictable elements to the pandemic and things may change in the future. We are planning for best case scenarios, but have contingencies and expectations in place in case things change.

Our biggest issue as a group over the past 18 months has been bringing more people into the Friends of St Pauls community. We would love to hear from more people, find out what parents want from the school and what we can all do to raise funds and run events that can benefit our children and the wider community. Please let us know via social media if you'd like to get involved.

School Funding Requests

We slightly overspent last year and the ability for us to run our fund-raising events still has a question mark hanging over it, so we must be cautious going forward.

We hope to be able to fund the following contributions to school, but will wait to see how successful the Sausage Sizzle is before we can fully commit.

- A coach to take children to the Young Voices event in Sheffield (£200)
- Prizes (books and vouchers) for Readers and writers of the half term (£100) Charlotte might have some spare books from previous events that can be used here.
- Y6 SATS breakfast
- All Class Christmas parties (we need to find a volunteer to FC maybe also filmed Christmas play show (Mrs Hann asks not to be filmed) (might be a problem with capacity at the church - might have to do two batches of parents like Christmas play. FIONA ask the Mount school if we can use their hall) Quiet zone for SEN families again. EMMA - really important to fund this one CHARLOTTE - let's wait until sausage sizzle
- Y6 Hoodies and coach trip to residential stay. Last year we bought phonebooks for Y6 instead of the coach. This year, the photobook will still be made, but parents will be asked to contribute to the cost.
- Curriculum weeks*
- Faith week, visit to Bar convent is only thing needs paying for

*(an example of how FOSP can provide more than just money for the school, Miss Waite mentioned that the children will be going on a Jewish walking trail around York - it was suggested by Mrs Hann that Eytan (or maybe his Dad) could come in to talk to the children about growing up in Israel.

Other Items

We have a new Facebook page which is open to the public to promote events
: <https://www.facebook.com/fospcommunity>

Church cafe funds not gone through FOSP - to be used on a joint project with school.

The money for the nature area hasn't been transferred yet, it has to be sent through in instalments - Rachael is following this up.

A note that the Scarecrow trail offers great community reach, and that the takeover of the cafe in West Bank park was a successful part of that. We now have access to this cafe and might use it in conjunction with the Christmas window trail or other times (potentially October half term)

There is an unsafe wall in the playground which means we will have to move the Sausage sizzle to Holgate Dock. We can still use the school's kitchen or the crypt at St Paul's church.

Charlotte and Rachel will come into school to talk to staff about the Christmas fair.

Miss McEnaney likes having the reception children dropped off on the corner; there have been significantly less tears at drop off, probably due to the children not being overwhelmed by the busyness of the playground when it is full. There is an idea that this might be made into a permanent arrangement, but there is concern that could stop parents socialising and make it harder for new reception parents to integrate into the parent community. There is also concern that it is difficult to drop off siblings when the drop off points are different. It's not possible to find a solution that satisfies everyone, but the school might try a drop off at the reception door and pick up in the playground to see if that strikes a good balance.

Sausage Sizzle

Some issues - the BBQ has been left outside for ages - so we need to check if it still works. Charlotte to action this.

We need volunteers for the BBQ and Bar. Charlotte to draw up list of names which already contains Eytan Zweig, Tom Neale, Ashley Dean, James (reception)

Stalls :

The BBQ

Bar

Teddy Tombola - £1 per ticket strip

Sweet stall - 50p (premade) mixes

Book swap - free (but we will give the option to donate)

Maybe have a spare uniform stall?

Parents will be asked to bring a picnic blanket. FOSP will source some gazebos.

Sausage prices set to £2.50 (was £2 last time)

No Nachos this time. Bags of crisps instead

No hot drinks - too complicated to facilitate on the dock.

No games - too much of a COVID transition point.

We will try to source free bread buns from Tesco - Ange to talk to people at Tesco.

Charlotte to organise sausages (via Heck) and sweets for a wholesaler (lots of volunteers needed for sweet bagging)

Add to newsletter :

Book swap - bring books on the day and exchange / donate at the stall.

Donations of Teddies for Tombola - baskets available at school gates on 30th Sept + 1st Oct

Announce that we will be running the Christmas Window Trail again to give people time to think of ideas.

We need volunteers for sausage sizzle from the end of school until around 8pm.

Ashley to talk to Gemma at St Pauls Nursery to see if parents can drop off teddies there too incase they only have children at after school club/

There is a question raised on is it worth asking for straight up donations sometimes? Something to be considered.

It is kindly suggested that the committee should publicise how much work they put in.

We agree that the group need to to market ourselves better!