

Friends of Sunhill Juniors Meeting Agenda – **Thursday 15th October**
2020. 8pm via zoom

1. Welcome

HR_ introduced the friends' group. Welcome and thank you for coming.

2. Present: Isobel Dix, Hannah Rose, Beth Morton, Amy Craig, Sue Griffiths, Tracey Fish, Jo Knight, Sam Davies, Kirstie Turner, Nolly Nutman, Kerry Appleton, Kate Walton, Sarah Cavell, Estelle Bentham. Helen hall, Lorna Ashton.

3. Apologies: Jenny Tabrah, Gemma Loveridge, Jemma Martindale, Tracey Kendall, Lorraine Dolding-Smith, Stacey Lakeman, Sara Curtis, Tammy Smith, Lou Speigal

4. Minutes of previous meeting agreed- outstanding items to discuss therefore postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints

5. Vision and values of Junior Friends

The Friends of Sun Hill Juniors aim to support the school to help make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering the families and local community to advocate for all children. The suggested values are:

Collaboration: we will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organisations to provide the best support and resources we can.

Commitment: We are dedicated to supporting the Childrens' educational

success, health and well being through strong family and community engagement.

Diversity: we acknowledge the potential of everyone. We offer support to all children and welcome any business, family or local community members to work with us for the good of all the school.

Respect: we value the individual contributions of members, school employers, volunteers and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our goals.

Accountability: all members, school employers, volunteers and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of the FOSHJ.

It is felt the aim of these is to encourage more people to participate within school and collaboration with the community. Invited feedback from the friends at the point:

SG: feels fits in well with learning values of the school.

HR: diversity important- less opportunity to meet and communicate at the school gate so more important to encourage people to attend the meetings and get involved.

6. Fundraising priorities- short and long term

Friends Chairs, treasurer and secretary met with SG to establish school priorities:-

Short term: marquee to allow second space for physical activity (currently having to happen in the classroom) on field. Also, for yoga, reading, to be used as an additional classroom. 2 quotes so far. Best

quote Buchanan marquees 9x12m plus lightening and solid floor- £2500 for half term. Installation plus weekly fee.

Concerns raised: will it be cold? Not for sitting but for physical activities also break time. Does it need cleaning between classes? No as timetable year groups to use it and mainly standing within it. Weekly fee so can be cancelled if there is second lockdown

Show of hands – universal agreement to proceed with this.

2nd priority: welly racks to allow children outside learning during the winter and have wellies stored in school. 240 welly racks would take a lot of space. Alternative to this is for children to come in outdoor weather clothes on allocated day. Should umbrellas be donated and provided? Suggestion of slippers to be worn in the class and kept in school.

ACTION:SG to talk to staff about what they want and then update us

Umbrella not thought to be good idea. Suggestion of talk to infants about how they run forest school and store their clothes. Menshed may be able to help with making the welly racks but still concern over space needed to store 240. KW happy to talk to mens shed to get an idea of their interest.

3rd priority- video equipment- for performances to show parents and to show children in isolation. JK has discussed it with Perins- probably need something simpler and more immediately to hand than having to arrange loan from Perins. Looking at tripod for phone/ipad? AUJ have offered to buy the kit of tripod, microphone, lightening. But hold off on this offer for now as free dress day should raise the money to provide it. Suggest ask Perins to come and help film the bigger events e.g. Year 3

performance (occasional lending) but to get own equipment to allow instant, simple regular filming.

AC- suggests juniors should replicate the drama dept high spec Perins camera. Ms Alexiou at Perins has agreed to occasional loan of this.

Dress down day Friday 23 oct- provide money to provide simple recording equipment to be used with school ipad or phone.

Show of hands- universal agreement to proceed with this.

4th priority- quiet playground corner. Recycled plastic table and benches. Terracycle make them but need to spend £5000 first. HR has put in bid to NATT requesting funds for table- outcome of this pending.

AYA have offered to lend juniors 2 to use on lower playground with immediate effect.

5th priority- Christmas dinner- every year group will have it in the hall on a different day. Friends would like to buy them a gift of a book to give them on their plate. Video call from NorthPole too hopefully. Horrible history box set. Geography and science book box set too. Stamp with message (with love from FOSHJ) ordered. Books will need wrapping.

HR: should we change name? FOSHJ difficult to say. Junior friends, Jeffers. Ideas for new names please! Not changing registered name but colloquial name.

Long term fundraising vision:

Development of the field- track for the daily mile, trim trail, wooden outdoor classroom. Feedback in the group- brilliant idea, utilisation of the woodland space too. Please float idea among wider school community for feedback. SC on facebook someone advertising free garden design.

7. How to raise funds?

a) Grants HR- has applied for a grant from Town Council and wants to apply for Tesco grant. AUJ given a grant. Lots of grants available for schools based around environment, stem, sport. If people aware of any other grants please feedback to the group

b) Direct debits: SD- platforms for regular donate / one off. Donatetomyschool best one. Account set up. Launch date 5/11/2020. Children making a video to help launch this. SG has written piece to launch it. Alresford forum have offered space to advertise it to community. Photo of children in school needed. SG to discuss with SL. Likely to be easier to use own children in view GDPR. SD will put date for photoshoot for FOSHJ kids after school, on WhatsApp group soon.

Platform- takes 3% for hosting website but can also get gift aid and crowd fund. Worth explaining this is the cost of running the website.

c) Easyfundraising: encourage everyone to sign up. £64.38 raised so far. 54 supporters. No cost to parents. % giving varies with each provider. Insurers – £15 one off donation with comparethemarket

- d) Amazon Wishlist/ oakleaf: teachers putting this together. Allows people to go online and choose to buy off it if they wish. Similar with oakleaf. Due to launch soon. Important to push the oakleaf list to the wider community
- e) Childrens' fundraising team: year 6 children keen to help and involved in fundraising. Team will be appointed soon. Termly fundraiser they will own and run. E.g. non-school uniform day, spring term (easter cake decorating), fitness sponsored event. Thought to start with Art trail but several other trails this term so may be better to do that in spring term.
- f) School uniform shop: due to launch soon. Via Facebook and PayPal. LDS managing this.
- g) Christmas Brochure: to get local business to advertise in brochure and encourage people to shop local. Need to involve people with marketing or copywriting experience. If anyone is keen or knows of someone please let us know.
- h) Other ideas- If people have other ideas such as online raffle, please let us know if they are happy to take the lead on this. JK has spoken to Caroline at Perins (runs Perins PTA) she used to run monthly lottery. She would be happy to help us set this up if we wanted to do it.

8. Communication Strategy-

Action: ID will send email

9. Friends position

Community Liaison: Hannah Rose

Perins liaison: Jo Knight, Amy Craig

Social Media: Lorraine Dolding Smith

10. Halloween trail:

Bake sale and pumpkin trail being suggested by Sarah Cavell. Can bake sale tie in with free dress day? SC doing it at her house. Friday 23 October. Could pumpkin map be used to follow a trail from school to SC house at watercress meadows? Any cake donations for this sale very welcome.

11. Any Other Business-

KT does anyone have a contact with an artist can they contact KT for the art trail? SC does and will liaise with KT.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18th November 8pm via zoom

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