

Friends of Dovebank

Minutes from 9th February 2023

In attendance: Victoria Barrett (Chair), Kate Ratcliffe (Treasurer), Nola Beeson (CM & acting secretary), Mrs Fletcher (Head teacher), Matt Beeson (CM), Hana Darlington, Julie Sanderson (Comms), Mrs Baker, Sally Johnson (Usborne Partner)

1. Vote for new committee members to replace those who recently stepped down

Helen Cholerton stepped down as vice-chair

Cassie Kennard stepped down as secretary

Ballot of those in attendance was held. Results as follows:

Nola Beeson was elected as secretary.

Rachel Theobald was elected as vice-chair

ACTION: Chair to send the email address of Parentkind to all committee members

2. Minutes

Minutes from past two meetings were read and agreed.

Future minutes should be converted to PDF and sent to chair and Head of school.

head@dovebank.leics.sch.uk

ACTION: Chair to email FOD address to the secretary

3. Treasurer's report

Balance in account (as of 06/02/2023): £3431.29

Winter disco raised £329.51. After paying £100 for DJ and £36.50 for confectionary, this made a profit of £193.01 for the benefit of the Young Voices participants.

Commitment of funds:

- £1005.20 still needs to be paid towards the whole school Pantomime trip (Dec 2022) once invoice received.
- £193.01 to be paid to Young Voices (Jan 2023) once invoice received.
- £955.00 existing commitments from previous FOD.

This leaves a total balance of £1278.08 (£1425.09) including outstanding cash deposit).

Further discussion:

Existing commitments to plant a tree. Can get a tree from one of the local farms for approx. £11

There is an existing commitment by the previous FOD to provide money for the pond area at school and provide signage (educational information sign). Can this be provided at a cheaper cost?

4. New FOD logo

Hana has offered to design a new FOD logo. Hana will liaise with Mrs Fletcher about coming to the school.

Suggestions that Hana meet and discuss with school committee and also meet children who could draw their ideas. The children's ideas could be used to inspire the logo.

5. Waffle and Twist raffle

Two bags of sweets have been donated by Waffle and Twist.

Children will pay 50p to guess how many sweets are in the bag. They will see Mrs Baker in the hall at lunch time on Valentine's Day. Julie will attend to help.

All money raised will go to FOD.

6.Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Priority is to raise money to pay for the Year 6 leavers' hoodies. 18 hoodies. Approx. cost £20 - £25. We need to find out how much.

Matt Beeson suggested that we get a local company to sponsor the hoodies.

ACTION: Chair to contact EPT school uniform supplier for a price.

ACTION: Matt to contact Finch Engineering to discuss sponsorship.

7. Easter Disco

Free DJ is available.

Agreed date Friday 31 March, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Ticket cost agreed: £3, which includes a free donut.

Suggested name: Doughnut Disco

Contact the COOP to donate doughnuts.

Glitter tattoos to be sold by Mrs Baker - £1 for a glitter tattoo.

Squash will be provided for free again.

We discussed the possibility of making up sweet bags.

ACTION: Julie and Hana to design the poster

ACTION: Mrs Baker to speak to Morrisons about doughnuts

8. Usborne books representative

Sally from Usborne books (who lives in Nailstone) explained the different ways in which they could help the school.

Firstly, free books can be provided by asking local businesses to donate to the school.

Secondly, Ready, Steady Read is a sponsored reading event that the children can be part of. In addition to the sponsorship raised, Usborne would donate up to 60% of the money raised in free books.

Other ideas that could be done in collaboration with Usborne – a book fayre and author events.

Ideas for World book day – a story teller or author visit

Alice Stanworth is the reading lead at the school.

ACTION: The school will liaise directly with Usborne about these events.

Other suggestions:

- Organise for the leavers to have a book as a gift.
- Book swap
- Competition to win a book

9. Foodbank

It was raised that some families may be struggling, and we discussed what we could do. We discussed having a food cupboard at the school or in another local location, perhaps the church or in Bagworth community centre.

Can information be provided for parents?

Additionally, we discussed if there was a place to collect for the Turkish earthquake appeal.

10. Nailstone park

Hana has worked hard to get agreement and source new play equipment for the village park (Church Meadows). The cost of equipment and installation is £10K.

£1K has already been pledged.

11. Coronation Tea party

Suggested date: Friday 5th May in the afternoon.

Open the school for families and community to attend.

Sell cakes – ask parents to donate cakes.

Possible to get £500 funding.

Nola: suggested a Coronation quiz

Bouncy castle

Ice-cream van and take part of the profit for FOD.

12. Other fund-raising suggestions and events

Easter egg hunt – probably not enough time to arrange for this year.

Bears in the cupboard – give to foundation and leavers?

Band

Next meeting: 22 March 2023, 7pm