

Monmouth Comprehensive Friends Association: Wednesday 9th March, Three Horseshoes

Present: Kate Allott, Tilly Ashton, Cara Hopgood, Fiona McColgan, Kirstie Pope

Apologies: Claire Nuttall, Nicola Davies, Karen Hurley, Georgina Waterstone

Minutes of last meeting were approved. KP reported on visit to Aberdare Community School.

Financials: After outstanding items are taken into account, total available funds are £741.21.

In addition, Easyfundraising balance remaining is £682.45.

Second hand uniform has raised £348 in last 12 months. Many thanks to Sarah Browne.

Business:

Raffle RG to order 9000 tickets (1800 books) on yellow paper. £125 incl VAT & delivery.
Envelopes, slips, tickets to 'stuffers' before the holidays. Tickets to parents start of May.
KP email stuffers.

FM to look at slip (SW has offered to print - require 800 A4 = 1600 slips) and email to parents.

Charlotte Williams to order iPad start of next term - Apple iPad Air 2 16GB, space grey. £301.84.

KP ask GW to liaise with MRH to control cash/chqs/pp/stubbs.

Waitrose Green Token scheme Raised £398. £250 will be given to school towards cost of new rugby kit.

KP to liaise with SW and school to get picture with Waitrose and pupils in rugby kit.

Workshop March 2016 Postponed due to poor support. Believe Saturday afternoon would be better.

Marketing may have created perception this workshop was too similar to previous?

To pay Jessie £50 of her fee to cover time already spent preparing for workshop. KP to write to her.

Hold workshop in Autumn. Offer afternoon tea. Tilly to help with marketing.

Possibly include session on internet safety.

KP meeting with Mr Davies L-T: facilities for activities in 'non-contact' time eg. covered area

S-T: PE Rugby kit (netball = £250 a year ago), maybe continue support for WriteOnline

When fundraising where possible make clear to parents what funds are being raised for.

Parent Workshops Valued by school. FA to decide topics - listening to parents.

Going forward ask what information they would like other than what school provides.

KP ask if question can be inserted in school questionnaire. Tilly to draft.

Heartstart CPR DVD - Cara to liaise with Mr Eagan regarding use in Welsh Baccalaureate.

Safeguarding Training is provided for those who have responsibilities towards children.

Governors trained to ensure proper processes in school to meet legal requirements.

If there is demand, Andy Williams can explain to parents processes using scenarios.

Could facilitate at a Parent's Evening (using a light touch).

Heartstart CH to liaise with Andrew Lewis to establish roles & responsibilities going forward.

Marcus Pierrepont has agreed to be 'Director' for Monmouthshire Heartstart.

Next session to be run after Easter at Crawley Hall. Possibly in the evening.

Easyfundraising 3 new members this term (=105). Donations increasing year on year. Thanks to Fiona.

Quite a few new families joined to boost donations in lead up to Christmas. Great publicity by FM.

KP to compose note to go in thank you email to parents who have signed up.

FM to ask Wendy to resend information re. booking holidays (check if goes to staff as well).

KP to find out if school would use Easysearch on its computers. 15 searches a day = £25 a year.

Change use of funds to workshops + other needs of the school.

Insert information about Easyfundraising into New Entrants pack.

Tesco Blue Button charity box Attendees agreed to canvas friends to try to gauge usage of Tesco's. (Online?).

Calendar 2015/16 FA will not have a presence at Yr 7 PE - KP to ask Ms Manners about Easyfundraising Flyers.

Tilly and others to attend New Entrants' Eve 27th June in FA tops to seek out willing recruits.

KP to follow up with Mr Davies idea of attending feeder school visits in summer.

Zumba KP to liaise with Paula Doody. Friday 8th July? Followed by dinner (= social!)?

Social event See above.

AOB Need to ensure reminders go out Mon/Tues just before the meeting.

Next meeting

AGM to be followed by ordinary meeting. 11 May at the Kings Head. KP to book the small room.