

MCS Friends Association Meeting 13th January 2015

Present Kirstie Pope; Karen Hurley; Nicola Davies; Sarah Pierrepoint; Cara Hopgood; Esther Lacey; Mandy Pritchard; Tilly Ashton; Jaz Hurley.

Apologies Georgina Waterstone; Kate Parrish; Kate Davies; Mike Powell.

Kirstie welcomed everybody to the meeting and recapped briefly on matters arising from the previous meeting.

Heartstart The next course is organised for 7/2/15. Cara will try to liaise with the 6th Form following their interest before the next meeting. Details re. Heartstart course are on the Friends section of the school website.

Second-hand uniform Sarah has sold about £60 worth of uniform from home. The system is working well. The decision was taken to advertise at Parents Evening rather than attend – better use of resources. **KP to discuss the sale of other items such as revision guides, instrument Grade books etc with Mr Davies.**

Easyfundraising/JustGiving have earned £822 and £170 respectively. Send another email and ask those who already regularly support us to recommend their friends as this also earns donations.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Report The current account balance is £3798.45 with about £2000 ring-fenced for various reasons. We have approximately £1500 available to spend.

Business

- **Sweeney Todd** There are 4 performances, 28th-31st January. Refreshments will be themed to include pies and punch. Serving staff will wear Victorian dress. KP to supply costumes. Performances start at 7pm. **KP to send out a letter to Parents asking for helpers.**
- **Parent Workshops** Will run the Emotional Intelligence workshop again in March or April. Sarah Pierrepoint is trying to contact PC Kath to involve her in a Drugs Awareness/self-harming workshop.

We have spent £300 on the workshops so far and have £600 remaining in the budget. Discussed using funds to provide childcare to Parents to make it easier for them to attend at the weekend. Sarah will approach Julia Rennie at Puddleducks nursery in Raglan to see if any of her young qualified staff would be interested in providing a childcare service for us and how much that would cost. **SP to report back at the next meeting.**

KP would like to find volunteer to administer the workshops. **SP & KP to draft letter to email to parents.**

- **Forward Planning** No response to Christmas newsletter article requesting new FA committee members! Write to parents again (**Tilly to draft**). KP asked those present to talk to friends and contacts in an effort to fill committee posts in May. She also feels that some communication from the Headteacher and Chair of governors may add gravitas to the roles. Cara felt that we should make it very clear to Parents that the FA will fold if we cannot find a replacement Chair.
- **AOB**

Kate Dennant has organised a Fashion Show in the past as a fund raiser and has agreed to find out more. The event could include participation from past and present textiles/art students. **KP to discuss with Mr Davies the provision of cover for outside spaces in the plans for the new school.** Other ideas for outdoor spaces - table tennis and a mini skateboard park.

We still need to purchase a display board for use at events to advertise the FA. **ND to price.**

- **Date of the next meeting** Tuesday 10th February 2015