## MCS Friends Association Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Present** Kirstie Pope; Karen Hurley; Kate Dennant; Robin Gable; Tilly Ashton; Sarah Pierrepoint; Esther Lacey; Cara Hopgood; Mike Powell; Kate Davies; Nicola Davies.

**Apologies** Jaz Hurley.

Sarah Pierrepoint (acting Chair) welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting and the AGM were approved

Nicola gave the financial report before handing the Treasurer role over to Esther. Accounts highlighted that, after taking into account all sums of money already committed, there are available funds of £1,464.10.

## **Business**

- Raffle George has done a great job yet again. Tickets were sent out before half term. Seems likely year11 did not get theirs. CH to email her Y8 son's Form Tutor as he has not received his. £238 in Parentpay, cash not yet counted. Spare tickets in reception. Need to send out another email to parents. Tickets will be sold at the Summer Showcase. RG will source iPad, SP will do hamper (£25). LG to send poster electronically to MP, who will send to Form Tutors, arrange for 12 A3 posters to be printed and put up around school and arrange for poster to go on IT screens.
- Presentation by Mr Bird WriteOnline WriteOnline is an award-winning student word processor with built-in support tools including a graphic organiser, speech support, word prediction and wordbars. Mr Bird briefly outlined how the tools worked and how the software has the potential to support the development of literacy universally across Key Stage 3. Those present were unanimous that the Friends should help fund the purchase of the software licenses (£1,900 pa for two years) and also the additional cost of making the software accessible to students online (£300 pa). Further marketing of the raffle will advertise that funds raised will be used for this purpose. KP to liaise with George.
- **New Entrants Evening** Kate Dennant discussed the display she and Tilly have put together for the New Entrants Evening (and other events in the future). She will also order 10 polo shirts (green and purple) displaying the Friends' logo which will make us 'stand out' at school events.
- **Heartstart** Cara has organised the next free session for Saturday 4 July, 10am to 12 midday. 12 places are available. **KP to send email for parents to Wendy.**
- Parent Workshops Saturday 9/5/15 went well, with a small group of parents and two childcare places sincere thanks to Puddleducks. Next workshop planned to be on Self Esteem to be run next year.
- Literary Festival The Friends logo is on all the promotional material for the Festival.
- Quiz KP to email MP and LV to confirm a date; 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> September or 9<sup>th</sup> October. Theme "Food for Thought", Mexican food will be served and maybe a few Mexican themed questions in the quiz. Rounds and organisation to be organised at a later date.
- Bank signatories Kirstie Pope, Kate Davies, Robin Gable to continue. Sarah Perrepoint and Esther Lacey to be added. Nicola Davies to be removed.
- Summer Showcase 18<sup>th</sup> June. KH will email bakers again. If insufficient response, consider emailing all parents. KH will liaise with LV about other arrangements/supplies. KP to send email to parents requesting help to serve refreshments.
- Friends Questionnaire/Survey RG to draft. Committee to discuss prior to discussions with Mr Davies. Mr Davies has asked if the Friends would like a question to go in to the school's Parent survey.

KP suggested, "The Friends Association makes a positive impact on the life of the school". Meeting agreed. **KP to email Mr Davies.** 

• Easyfundraising Website updated. KP to try and get Easyfundraising's bespoke page for MCS FA on to school website.

## AOB

Tilly proposed asking for a plaques to be put on items funded by the Friends eg. IT screens. **SP to email request to Mr Davies (KP to supply email).** LV/WB may be able to source a suitably printed plaque.

A presentation was made by Kate Davies to Kirstie and Karen to thank them for the work they have done for the Friends. Thank you, Kate!

**Date of Next Meeting** An informal end of term celebration to be held at the Gatehouse on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.