

Friends Meeting Friday 8 July

Present: RC,RJJ,SS,PC,LI,BR,HC,KH,DW,CB,MS,JD

Apologies

LI Brief chat about summer fete. Everyone felt it went really well.

PC Good things were the stage, hay bales, The Mullanes, (they won't have children at school next year so will need to remain in contact.

CB Final figure for fete was £4939.04 less on day expenditure. Committee made a few purchases such as the chafing machine and badge machine.

RJJ Shorter time frame works well if any longer games run out and set up longer. 1100 people came through gate not much money spent per head.

HC There was too much food left over

RJJ Lots of BBQ sausages left but sold out of burgers which was perfect. Sausages did not sell as well as burgers. Don't do sausages next year and do hot dogs instead?

Signs need to be more visible.

RJJ An idea for next year could be a food court to reduce queues. Take money in one place then get a laminated ticket. Need to careful that the food does not run out.

CB A programme could show map of food.

LI What ran out? – more teddies needed, baps and cup tombola. Teas and coffee need to stay inside because no electric outside. Generator too noisy outside. Make canteen look nicer with table cloths and tables outside canteen. Tables were in demand so thank you KH for extra tables.

RJJ There was too much salad left over too!

LI Ideas for next year? Longdown – issues? Could put farm in English road playground.

KH Pay for farm then hay bales are free. £300 for farm but need to book early. Offset hay bales against cost of farm.

Sponsors and Advertising

RJJ Costco again?

LI Will have Rotary again. Estate agents generally good feedback gave us £310. Mann and Co took them down very quickly. We get £10 for every sign.

DW Use estate agent signs as secondary advertising. Not easy to see fete date but that is good! Drop flyers next year. Ripped banner is a shame.

CB Will need to speak to Katherine Lugg to speak to new year R parents as new parents want to see the school.

Current Financial Position

CB Everything has been agreed to. Performing arts have not billed school so £1000 not used. IT on order. Playground equipment big issue. Waiting for quotes. Needs to be completely re done. Maintenance needed and health and safety.

School books on order. JD to chase KL up. Spanish books bought.

Defibrillator – government wants them in all schools. Could we fund it or contribute towards it?

£17000 currently in bank. A few more expenses need to come out. £5000 raised this year alone.

School Budget

JD School budget cut next year by huge amount.

HC Computers are essential.

JD Need to talk to ST if this can be publicised.

CB Teachers are not allowed to strike over budget just pay and conditions.

RJJ Needs to be made clear in newsletter what money is spent on.

LI Grants. PTA website. Parent giving easy fund raising.

JD Trust school. We can buy supplies anywhere could go to a different supplier for books, pencils speak to KL. Would be best to ask Sean what is needed because of budget cuts.

LI Private lottery is an easy way to make money but issues with gambling.

KH limit tickets one per family. Pay by direct debit need to be cleared by governors first.

LI Can you start at any time in year?

KH Start in September.

RJJ Needs to be a separate bank account so not to muddle up the account.

CB I have instant access to the accounts so I can see what is going in and out.

JD Can I just say thank you to all. It's been a really good year in lots of respects.

LI Need to get a date for AGM in September. See JD Monday.