

Bushes Parent Council Meeting 29.9.20

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda

- Visions & Values – Craig
- Budget – Craig
- Parents Evening – Craig
- Review meeting with Steven Quinn – Marion
- Spaces for parking – Craig & Sarah
- Constitution Update – Nicola
- Fundraising Ideas – all
- Photographs

Visions & Values

Ready to be launched and shared with everyone next Wednesday 7th October during the first school assembly live, everyone will be sent home a copy to share with parents. Plan was to launch and invite parents to school but instead there will be a link to a video. Plan is to focus on each of the values and put them into practise rather than just being words and our children will have the opportunity to receive awards to celebrate how they display them.

Budget

Opening balance £9207.23. If this were a normal year this would be healthy, but we will lose the normal fundraising events to keep our balance running healthy for 2021. We need to consider how much we spend this year and option to keep aside a portion of this for next year.

Normal spend in a school year is on connect membership, school trips, P7 ties and prom, panto, trim trails, and upkeep of school playground. £4400 is around normal spend and earnings but we have a more detailed budget sheet that is available via Nicola for a breakdown.

Once we look at the budget sheet, we can review this and discuss and agree next session.

Halloween/Fundraising

Suggestion for disco during golden time and we could make up goodie bags for the kids. However, we are limited to what allowed to do in class with music and dancing due to covid and all may not want to be involved. Therefore, a Halloween raffle is the next best option, buy a ticket and potential to win top 3 prizes.

Other suggestions were around what we could do at Xmas to raise money eg guess the sweets in a jar, Xmas hampers, raffle prizes. Since this a bigger topic and for us to discuss in more detail we do need a separate meeting before the October holidays, Nicola will message out on the whatsapp chat to arrange.

Amazon smile – register council as a charity and could receive donations when purchasing items. We can investigate into this further.

Xmas cards and mugs – Alison looking into how we can look at doing this again since no fare this year.

Meeting with Steven Quinn

Some topics that came up in the meeting specific to other schools around breakfast and afterschool clubs, school clothing, staggered starting times and how families are impacted by this but it will be here for a while to keep everyone safe. Laptops and tablets ready to go out if a child was isolating and dongos if no internet at home.

Parents Evening

Process of making up interim report and if any issues to be in contact with school to discuss what extra support needed.

Expected Mid November

Space for People

Shows on website that Bushes in consultation. Craig will find out more information on this as he wasn't aware.

Photographs

Company called Monument that does photographs outside in a gazebo that already worked with some schools, suggestion made if this could be an option for at least end of the school year for those finishing P7. School is still limited into what they can do due to regulations, but Craig will investigate this and consider.

Apologies to the parents that missed the second half of the meeting due to some Zoom glitches. For anyone looking to get involved please see our next meeting date below and look out for the reminders on our Bushes Network Facebook page.

Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd November 6.30

Fundraising Ideas Meeting to be confirmed but will be before October holidays