

Friends of Lyndhurst Meeting Minutes: Friday 6th March 2020

Committee members present:

Richard Leeming (Chair)
Kate Koczwara (Co-Treasurer)
Carolina (Co-Treasurer)
Emma Fung (Co-Secretary)
Mrs Nowakowska (Co-head)
Mrs Bennett (Deputy Head)

Apologies:

Carly Hamilton-Smith (Co-Secretary)

Minutes below. As always all action points are in bold. Any comments, suggestions, answers to requests for volunteers please sent to Lyndhurst.pta@gmail.com or please reach out to the parent responsible directly either in the playground or on Classlist.

1. Deep Clean & School Closure

It was widely agreed that the school communicated the information they received from PHE well and in a timely manner and did all that they could to keep parents updated with real time info as they received it. Mrs Nowakowska confirmed that school were following the advice and directives of three bodies: Public Health England (PHE), Southwark Council and gov.uk. Mrs Nowakowska also confirmed that a further communication would be issued by school today which more information. School was very much open as of Friday 6th March and the whole school joined an assembly at 9.30am about handwashing and best practice.

2. Spending Proposals

There are a number of spending proposals that did not make the last spending round in February. However, as all details had not been received ahead of this meeting to be able to circulate them school wide ahead of a vote taking place, it was agreed this new batch of spending proposals would be discussed and voted upon at the next FOL meeting in April to give FOL time to collate all details and circulate the proposals to the whole school community.

ACTION: Kate and Emma to collate proposals and Emma to publish them in the FOL newsletter

ACTION: the next FOL meeting will be on April 3rd and will include a discussion on a new round of spending proposals.

3. Energy Kidz

Mrs Nowakowska confirmed that a parent/school management meeting had taken place as agreed at the last FOL meeting (on Thursday 13th March) and was attended by about 8 parents, with a handful of parents also sending in feedback via the google poll that was circulated the week prior on Classlist, WhatsApp and in the school newsletter. On the whole the feedback seemed to be positive and Mrs Nowakowska has a list of action points to now take to a meeting with EnergyKidz. Use of mobile phones at the after school club has now been stopped in line with Lyndhurst school policy.

A concern was raised by a class rep on behalf of an absent parent about the zero hours/wages of after school staff. Mrs Nowakowska has since confirmed that this was raised at the meeting on the 13th and is a matter between school and EnergyKidz.

4. Events: Kids Disco

A planning meeting will be held next week about this event with the aim to hold something before the Easter holidays.

ACTION: Emma to confirm a time to meet with Lindsey, Zinia, Fay, Carly and anyone else that would like to help organise.

5. Summer Fair – Saturday 20th June

Date confirmed – please put in your diaries!

Theme will be around bikes. Ideas very welcome!

ACTION: Richard and Tom Whitehead to get together to plan a Lyndhurst to Lyndhurst sponsored bike ride.

6. Library

The new library space (the old Congo classroom in the Nursery/Dyslexia Unit building) opened this week and is looking wonderful. Mrs Baldwin (in absence) thanked FOL for their financial support (to date we have given grants totalling £3,500) and manpower – so thanks to all of you! - and in return we thank Mrs Baldwin for her passion and hard work in getting this project off the ground. FOL and Mrs Baldwin will arrange a tour for parents at a later date and photos will soon be uploaded on to the school website. Each class has had an opportunity to go and visit during Book Week.

It is already such a beautiful and functioning library yet Acorn Book Club will be installing a sponsored book corner in there, possibly over the Easter break, so there is still lots more to come to this new space.

In time, there may be a need for parent volunteers to help run and/or maintain the library.

Mrs Baldwin also has plans for an outdoor mobile book cart that can be taken from the library into the playground on sunny days, along with some outdoor bean bags, so children can read during playtimes. We are looking for sponsorship for this initiative, either by way of materials (off cuts of wood that could be fashioned into a cart) + manpower/skills (to build it!) and/or business sponsorship to cover the cost.

ACTION: please get in touch if you have sponsorship ideas for the outdoor library or could help build one.

ACTION: many of the new books in the library have been donated – again a big thank you to those who have already. If you would like to support the library in this way the wish list of books can be found on the library page on the school website:

<https://lyndhurstprimaryschool.com/children/extra-curricular/library/>

ACTION: Mrs Baldwin would love to have some pot plants and greenery in the library and would willingly accept donations of such!

7. Second hand uniform sale

Sarah Whitehead offered to get involved in setting up a sale of outgrown school hoodies and t-shirts.

A call will be put out for donations and a date for the sale will be published soon.

ACTION: Emma to put Sarah in contact with Alison Hoskins who had also expressed interest in helping with a sale. Call for donations to be published on Classlist and the school newsletter.

8. Year 5 trip fundraising

Year 5 are raising funds for a trip to the National Circus school and are aiming to hold a number of cake sales and other events to raise the necessary £400. Watch this space!

ACTION: Eloisa and Sarah to liaise with school office over dates for the first cake sale.

Reminder: the next FoL meeting will be on Friday 3rd April at 9am in the Dining Hall.

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