

Minutes of FOB Committee Meeting

1st March 2022

At School and on zoom

Present: Kathryn, Chantelle, Doug, Lucy, Rachel (Zoom), Louise, Tom Turnham, Libby (Zoom), Elsa (Zoom)

Committee apologies: None

Friends of Belham



Agenda Items

1. **Quiz debrief** - £1230 raised for quiz (TBC following food invoice); £1022 raised from raffle
 - a. Any feedback or suggestions for next year?

Quiz very well enjoyed – people keen to be social. Suggestion to have second quiz in the year – e.g. Sept/Oct. FOB to re-evaluate this proposition in July before the Summer break.

Action: Kathryn to check with Rich – can do it in the Autumn term.

Led to discussion on other social activities, suggestions were:

Year Group Drinks

FOB-wide drinks in the Montpelier – or by pairs of year groups. Preference overall to stick to year group drinks efforts.

Action: – Kathryn to suggest to reps to start organising some year group drinks. Will set up Repts WhatsApp group.

Other upcoming school-led events

Spring Concert – 30/31 March

Art exhibition on June 24th

Summer Concert in June

Year 6 production

Also noted that Reception want more advance notice of stuff. Suggested that at the new parents meeting in September– FOB give a better heads up on some of the activities coming up.

2. **Brief financial update** – Doug – see below

Lucy requested that school update on the Maker's Room – need to update parents etc.

Action: Tom will circulate and put something in the Buzz

Arts fund 72% funded. Raffle will go towards instrument repair and performances.

Bees just <40% funded.

80 jars of honey to sell. Some at Easter Egg Hunt; then Summer Fair. Year 3 doing the labels. School can sell online – and can match up names.

Action: Tom to coordinate school to inform Year 3 parents who would have first offer of buying their child's labelled honey. Leftovers to be sold at Easter & Fair.

3. Policies:

- a. Financial controls – FOB will put on their school website:
Action: Doug to send them to Joanne when cleaned up
- b. Ethical policy feedback – see attached document

For Ukraine – can we send a list of organisations to donate to
Resources for explaining war to children
Forza Win Raffle

4. Reception playground update – Doug

Now targeting £2k for reception playground – but Water Wall costs are additional. Proposed to use of STEAM funds for the Water Wall costs. Different options available, but school probably prefer to go for the higher quality (more robust) option. The extra £1k would be on top of the £2k costs.

Agreed: use up to £1K from STEAM fund for Water Wall.

Date of volunteering weekend in Summer Term depends on project management and arrival of materials. FOB to mobilise once date confirmed by school.

Action: Doug and Tom to coordinate with Miss Tee.

Agreed: School can start spending even through not all funds yet raised, due to forecast surplus in the budget.

From Tom, there are also plans in place to upgrade the main school playground main. But need to wait until next year (summer 2023 earliest).

Regarding the guttering & scaffolding, there is still a block because the school lease is with the Charter Trust. DfE repairs cannot start until lease is located. Joanne is talking to Trust and DfE. Hasn't been any movement. No work can happen until at least the summer, and the school may already have missed the summer 'window'. Kathryn relayed that parents are increasingly frustrated with loss of space in the playground.

Action: Tom to request update in the Belham Buzz.

5. Grants update – Alex & Tom met with Kathryn and Doug last week. Alex (professional fundraiser) will submit about 10 applications with the aim of winning at least one. Tom has provided list of funding needs from the school already.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Bake sale – update from Lucy – any more bakers needed?
Action: Chantelle to check with Ginnie on Year 6 appetite to host next sale in last 2 weeks of this term (25th March or the 1st April).
- b. Disco – 18th March – Chantelle
Additional merch to be sold– dayglo tatoos, Day Glo face paints
(Action: Lucy to remind volunteers to check for allergies)
Crisps being discussed – suggestion that Terracycle could collect crisps. Louise circulated a crisp project that makes blankets from packets.
Agreed: Advance ticketing on tickettailor.
Action: Kathryn to confirm venue capacity.

- c. Belham Lates – kick off on 24th March with Claudia Hammond – Kathryn – advertising via local street whatsapp groups. Information to be circulated this week.
Steve Mould – Tom requesting STEAM fund use approval to supplement ticket sales to pay for scientist visit (summer term).

Action: Tom to follow up and confirm Steve.

Agreed: Use STEAM fund to supplement ticket sales (c.£500). Suggestion to collect donations via ticket tailor or cash on night for the STEAM fund/future events.

School to use Event Bright to sell tickets; agreed two back-to-back sessions to be held.

FOB looking for suggestions for any other speakers for 2022/23 year – aim to host 2 events in Autumn term.

- d. Peckham History Walking Tour – Doug – tickets now on sale
e. Easter Egg Hunt – Doug has it under control will be looking for volunteers
f. Uniform sale - early May, after next year's reception parents receive their offers.
Possibility of hosting in school playground and combining with cake sale.
g. Summer Fair – need core group –

- Overall management/logistics/comms: Kathryn & ?
- Food & Drink: Kathryn to ask Amber again, otherwise need to find someone
- Bookings (bouncy castle, music, other): Chantelle
- Games: ?
- Stalls (including tombola): Doug
- Face Painting: Hannah
- Volunteer coordination: Louise

Action: Kathryn to request for help in the Buzz this week. Kathryn to set up organizing WhatsApp group.

7. Other events/fundraising ideas:

Jazz evening - Belham Lates Jazz special – Harris Jazz band - 9th June? 16th June ? Pimms – cider punch? Combine with art exhibition – 23/24th June – joint TENS license. Check music/licensing – depends. Pizza van?

Action: Tom to check school is happy for us to hold it the night before art exhibition, and send details of Harris Jazz Band to Kathryn.

Ukraine donations collection – will circulate in Buzz this week -

Action: Kathryn to get suggestions from Lucy and Louise.

Art competition & calendar sales – suggested to hold an art competition to create a Belham calendar.

Agreed: to hold in Autumn first half of term (before xmas cards etc) and sell annual calendars starting in January.

Brick Brewery Beer Tasting – can we organise again?

Action: Kathryn to check with Sally

Camping:

Action: Kathryn to check in with Caroline Fry & Sally to help with the camping weekend.

8. AOB

Annex: Finances update

Latest projections for 2021/22:

Net income £24,400; donations to school and running costs £23,800 => Estimated surplus £600
(In our January meeting, this was a £940 deficit, so we're moving in the right direction!)

Update on campaigns

- **Makers' Room:** Following the c. £1,200 raised for this at the quiz, we are closing the MR fund at c. £10,800. This is a lower amount than the initial £11,500 target due to lower costs of the project than anticipated.
- **Arts Fund:** The proceeds from the raffle held at the quiz event brings the arts fund to £3,800 against a target for this year of £5,275 (i.e. 72% funded)
- **Bees:** Various sales of bee merchandise have raised £582 against a target of £1,500 (39% funded). Further bee revenues planned (80 jars of honey left to sell; bee artist project).
- **Reception playground:** We have budgeted for £2,000. Proceeds from bake sales are going towards this, the remainder will be met from general fundraising. £0 raised so far.