



Padfield Community Primary School

FOPS AGM Minutes



Date: Wednesday 16th October 2024

Time: 3.30-4.30pm

Attendees

Craig Woodward (CW)
Lisa Calvert (LCa)
Kim Rowarth (KR)
Lewis Colau (LCo)
Anne-Marie Peterkamp (AP)
Helen Dunk (HD)

Committee members

Committee appointments were proposed and agreed in principle, with the understanding that these may be reviewed throughout the year and would be dependent on additional input from new volunteers which are needed to keep the PTA going.

2024/2025 Committee as follows:

Chair: Lewis Colau
Treasurer: Lisa Calvert
Secretary: Helen Dunk
Communications: Anne-Marie Peterkamp

Financial update

LCa advised there was about £7,700 in the FOPS account currently. At the end of the previous year, this was £3,221 so lots raised in the 23/24 school year to replenish the funds since the previous large outlay for the playground in 22/23.

Communications

It was agreed that we need to improve communications between FOPS committee and school staff, and also to try and engage more parents/care givers to support FOPS as there are very few volunteers and keeping the FOPS events going is hard. A particular focus on getting new Reception parents involved at the start of the year is needed to encourage more involvement.

CW reported that only approx. 30-40% of parents are reading posts communicated on Class Dojo and that this is making school communication a challenge. Issue with a lack of

notifications/inconsistency of app notifications was also reported. He is investigating a text-based service which could be used to offer more real-time updates, signpost parents to items on the website, etc., and could ensure a greater reach.

CW has implemented a School Parliament with 2 Head Boys, 2 Head Girls and 2 representatives per class (12 in total). Suggestion is for members of the parliament to be involved in FOPS in future, so they can have an input, present the students' ideas for fundraising initiatives, etc.

Plans for spending this year

CW requested help from FOPS to help fund the outdoor provision including a 'reading shed' and storage for equipment, etc.

Discussed helping to fund a trip around Christmas time and contribute towards other curriculum-based visits which are in the pipeline.

Events

Halloween Disco – Thursday 24th October 2024 - 5-6pm – KS1 / 6.15-7.15pm – KS2

KR was approached by Ryan (Seren's dad) to see if he was needed for DJing. That prompted the Halloween Discos to be arranged.

No fancy dress competitions this year; hope is it will appeal to more if there isn't pressure to dress up.

Drinks will be available but no snacks this year due to a number of allergies and intolerances within the school and the fact that most children will have eaten tea just before coming.

Tickets to be purchased through ParentPay - £2 per child.

HD, AP and LCo available to help with KS1 disco. LCo will also help at KS2 disco. May need more a couple more helpers for this too.

Future events:

Intention will be to plan FOPS events calendar a year in advance going forwards.

It was suggested that we might do a Christmas disco rather than a film night this year.

The issue was also raised that without more volunteers, these events are becoming increasingly difficult to run.

Next meeting

Further meeting to take place on **Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 3.30pm** at school.

Further events throughout the year to be discussed and agreed then.