

Thornden FOTs meeting 10 February 2020 – Minutes

Present: Polly Gleeson, Rob Collar, Amanda Eyres, David Holdsworth, Pawlette Wright, Nic Lansdowne, Kavitha Kamalathanan, Mary Vokes,

Apologies: Delia Yang, Ann Edmeades, Soulla Gordge, Shelley Zimmer, Jacqui Sharples

1	Welcome	Welcome from Polly and Apologies.	
2	Previous minutes	<p>18 November 2019 – Matters arising: Sue Whelan is running a Parental engagement session on 5 March 5.30 – 6.30 as a forum to hear parents feedback. It was suggested this should be loaded by FOTS onto the various years' facebook groups. The meeting decided that all years could be covered between them.</p> <p>Polly via Rob had received thanks from all recipients from the last round of bids, except Keren Cole. Rob to follow up on this.</p> <p>Crowdfunder – Polly updated FOTs that £839.58 was raised via Crowdfunder for an outdoor table tennis table. The group discussed what action should be taken with the money. It was decided to purchase one table with bats, balls etc. Decathlon was offered as a possible source for purchase. Rob to discuss next steps re site preparation, and buying.</p> <p>Safeguarding – Polly had discussed this with Dr Evans. They agreed that FOTs members visiting the Shed was not a regulated activity, and therefore it was OK for members to sign in at reception but not require to be DBS checked. Polly to leave a list at reception of FOTs members.</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>Rob</p> <p>Polly</p>
3	Next Parents Evenings	<p>Y9 Thurs 12 March and Y11 Tues 24 March</p> <p>Rob will talk to the site team about putting out the crates by default each time a parents evening is happening. A suggestion was made about whether the refreshments table can be moved within HOD area – no decision made.</p>	Rob
4	Shed	<p>The shed needs to be sorted. Boxes have been purchased to allow more sorting of school uniform.</p> <p>Kavitha asked for the out of date crisps for the science department experiments.</p>	
5.	Bids	<p>Currently in the FOTs budget - £1800</p> <p>The FOTs "Own clothes day" was discussed. The group decided that advertising it to parents by highlighting a number of good</p>	

	<p>causes that FOTs supported would be helpful, to include Young carers, Science week duckings and Pastoral care. Polly to write a sentence for the school to communicate before half term. FOTs communication to go out after half term. The date of Wed 4 March was agreed.</p> <p>NATS - £175 needs to be paid by FOTs to Science as NATS provided £175 towards the STEM club glider kits.</p> <p>Bid – Pastoral care, by Sarah Vincent for £500 The group agreed to this donation, to allow continued support of the students.</p> <p>Bid – Young Carers, by Sarah Vincent for £500 For weekly break meetings and lunchtime sessions and to fund the termly trip, aiming for Longdown Dairy Farm. Agreed by the group.</p> <p>Bid – Ducklings for Science week for £260 To pay for ducks’ eggs and renting incubator, housing etc, aimed at year 7 and 8, as well as other year groups. The group agreed this cost.</p> <p>Bid – Additional equipment for Food Tech classes - £212.32 Pasta rollers, pizza cutters and potato ricers. The group agreed this bid.</p> <p>Bid – Study skills for Escape activities - £60 Chests and padlocks for maths and English extra enrichment tasks. The group agreed the bid.</p> <p>Bid – Study skills for toaster, supplies and help to put on a summer party for students on the study skills register. - £100 The group agreed to this bid.</p> <p>Bid – Study skills for window film for the Shed - £20 To replace a broken blind – the bid was agreed.</p> <p>Bid – PE Dept for a bowling machine - £500. This will enable cricketers in the lower school to attend a Thursday club to get more practice at nets sessions. Other students may also be able to benefit from it. Rob to take forward.</p> <p>Mary Vokes suggested contacting local cricket clubs/grounds to see what support/sponsorship might be available. She will follow up initially with the Ageas Bowl.</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>Mary</p>
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	<p>Total amount £2152.32. Further income from the Own clothes day will add to existing £1800 pot.</p> <p>£7000 will have been contributed so far this school year.</p>	
Open day	<p>The date has been moved from June 12 to September 10 2020.</p> <p>The group discussed possible options for selling second hand uniform during the summer, as September's date is too late for new Year 7 parents.</p>	
Year 7 Welcome Event	<p>The welcome event was discussed. It was noted that the week of the Open day should be avoided. Possibly Sept 17th? Suggested timings were 3.30pm set up, 4pm Teachers meetings, 4.30 – 5.15 canteen nibbles.</p> <p>Polly to provide updated information to Kelly Rood for Year 7 packs.</p> <p>Second hand uniform could be sold at the New Parents eve.</p> <p>Rob to give the school the date of the Welcome Event.</p>	<p>Polly</p> <p>Rob</p>
AOB	<p>Polly will write to all those who have requested bids with the good news, and will copy Finance so they know what will be spent.</p>	Polly
Next meeting	Thursday 30 April 7.30pm – The Shed	