



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of Watford
Grammar School for Boys (FOS),
at
Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD18 7JF
Held on the Thursday 20th April, 2017 @ 7.30 pm -
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Attendance

Archana Singh – Chair
Amanda Hardy - Treasurer
Rachael Speirs – Secretary

Andrea Allen
Victoria Conquest
Elaine Hudson
Andrea Leib
Luzia Lai
Mrs Phanishree
Neru Suni
Deborah Bush

Apologies

Jeanette McLeod

Akash Shah

Sunil Shah

Natalya Strelcuka

Danielle Wright

1/. Introduction - (*Archana Singh*)

Rachael Speirs started the meeting in Archana's absence, as Archana was running late.

2/. Minutes – (*Rachael Speirs*)

Minutes for the 19th January tabled and no comments.

3/. Football Tournament - (*Andrea Allen*)

This has been confirmed for one of the Saturdays (most likely Saturday July 8th) for Years 7 and 8. Andrea has spoken to Mr a Wallis and is in the process of confirming details. Sports mentors in the Lower Sixth will help and she confirmed has some parents' names for referees and linesmen, but will need more to have 8 referees and 16 linesmen. There are 8 pitches, it will be 5 a side and the price for a team was agreed to be set at £20. Timings from 10am to 12pm. Details will be put on parent mail, payments wither to be arranged by bank transfer or though school office. Andrea will let PTA know if needs help on the day.

ACTION: ANDREA ALLEN to finalise final arrangements and arrange to publicise details.

4/. Year 7 Fun Day July 1st Tournament - (*Archana Singh*)

Jeanette MacLeod has stood down from helping organise this and Rachael Speirs stated that she didn't have the time to organise, Amanda and Archana agreed that it would be done by Committee. Deborah, Luzia and Phanishree agreed to help arrange the food.

Hollie agreed to arrange meeting with the school, look into providing labels and Amanda will meet with Jeanette to get background on organisation.

Rachael will send the names of Year 7 Class Reps who have agreed to attend with a view to getting New Year 7 Reps to sign up on Funday. Generally it was agreed that the FOS needed to look out for as many helpers as we can possibly get as we are a little short this year - need to send round robin to helpers asking for help.

Need to agree on whether we will be selling any PE bags this year and if new uniform supplier will attend.

Debate was had on food and it was generally agreed that there was a need to stagger timing better on serving of food to prevent queues becoming too long. Also need to look at whether pre packed picnic box alternative, sandwiches, more salad could be served to boys. Possible to buy large plates of prepaid sandwiches at CostCo.

ACTION: ARCHANA SINGH/AMANDA HARDY Meeting with Fun Day Committee to be held on Wednesday May 17 and focus on Wednesday 14th June will be on the last minute preparations for the Fun Day.

ACTION: RACHAEL SPEIRS will send the names of Year 7 Class Reps who have agreed to attend on Fun Day.

ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL to arrange meeting with school and Fun Day organisers and arrange labels

5/. Year 7 Induction Day- (*Hollie Rendall*)

FOS representatives should also attend induction day. Wording on requests for New Class Reps and information on FOS to new parents in parent packs to be agreed with FOS.

ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL Wording on requests for New Class Reps and information on FOS to new parents in parent packs to be agreed with FOS.

6/. School Shop - (*Deborah Bush*)

Shop will continue to open Wednesdays from 3.15 to 4.30 pm and one Saturday every half term (the next opening is Saturday the 10th June from 10 am to 12pm). This Deborah is now manning the shop on Wednesdays now that Natalia is working. It is going well and remains popular and have recently sent out a notice to parents asking for new stock, particularly school sports wear, blazers and other pieces of school uniform and rugby boots. Smaller sizes of particular use before Funday where it is sold to the new Year 7 parents.

7/. Budget - (*Amanda Hardy*)

Amanda confirmed that the Quiz night raised £2800. The amount in the account was currently £15,000 so we had about £10,000 for grants.

8/. Grants - (*Archana Singh/Hollie Rendall*)

Archie explained that plans for the new playground have been put on hold for this year and whilst we will be fundraising for it next year, (as the school is still intending to go ahead with the plans for the playground in the upcoming academic year) , it was discussed with the headmaster as to whether we would agree to fund some big item requests from individual departments with respect to the funds raised over this academic year.

The Committee decided to accept this request to focus on some big ticket requests for grants from individual departments. Grant requests were considered from the Geography and Music departments and both were agreed to - a grant of approx £3,100 to the Geography department for some iPads and specific software for use by all boys going on field trips (particularly the 6th form) but also for use in the classroom and £995 exc VAT to the Music department for the purchase of 7 keyboards, for use by all boys throughout the school.

9/. Clubs/Community Events/Concerts- (Deborah Bush)

Badminton club - Akash Shah still keen to run and Deborah asked Hollie to raise again with school as to whether it could year place in the school once cricket nets over. Akash to be asked to drop email to Hollie.

Beverages at Concerts and Parent Evenings

Deborah confirmed that about £50 pounds profit made during the selling of hot and cold drinks during parents evening and the availability of beverages well appreciated by parents. FOS decided to continue with this at parents evenings and options evenings. Ice cream went well at concerts too and will be continued with.

Raffles at Concerts

Raffles going well too and next one will be held at June concert. FOS congratulated Deborah and her team for all their efforts.

Community events

Hollie to report back on whether a repeat Teen Issues talk should be provided for parents which FOS could support.

Potential for parents and kids' cycle ride in September and talk by Mr Curwen on triathalons (Mr Curwen/ Kate from the Cycle Hub)

Deborah to contact Ms Beveridge (cooking class)

ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL to report back on Teens Issues talk at the next meeting.

ACTION: DEBORAH BUSH to contact Ms Beveridge about new cooking class and Akash Shah (Badminton).

10/. Upcoming FOS Events – (All)

Hollie suggested that FOS Events on the website be revamped. Hollie speaking to the Chair of the Fullerians and her counterpart at WGGs and will discuss the potential for working together. The Chair of the Fullerians had already expressed an interest in doing a joint event with the FOS. She would report back at the next meeting.

Ideas for next year (religious holiday dates to be born in mind)

- Quiz would take place as last year in February, date to be agreed.

- Potential joint event with Fullerians
- 80s/90s Disco
- Xmas Big Raffle
- Dinner with Music from the boys

ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL to report back at the next meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday 14 June

Wednesday 20th September