



**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 14th June, 2017 @ 7.30 pm -  
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**Attendance**

Archana Singh – Chair

Amanda Hardy - Treasurer

Rachael Speirs – Secretary

Hollie Rendall

Akish Shah

Andrea Allen

Victoria Conquest

Elaine Hudson

Kathryn Bourke

Luzia Lai

Deborah Bush

Jeanette McLeod

**Apologies**

Mrs Phanishree

Andrea Leib

Sunil Shah  
Natalya Strelcuka  
Danielle Wright

### **1/. Introduction** - (*Archana Singh*)

**Archana Singh** opened the meeting.

### **2/. Minutes** – (*Archana Singh*)

Minutes for the 20th April tabled and no comments, except for a few clarifications on Community Events and associated names which **Rachael Speirs** will make prior to issuing for publication on website.

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

This has been confirmed for Saturday July 8th for Years 7 and 8, but needs more advertising. Agreed that may need to enlist help of Year 7 and 8 tutors.

**ACTION: ANDREA ALLEN** to follow up on arrangements to publicise details with Hollie and make a decision by Friday week as to whether to go ahead after having gauged interest of boys.

### **4/. Year 7 FunDay July 1st** - (*Amanda Hardy*)

**Amanda Hardy** fed back to Committee on Fun Day preparations.

Most Committee members will be available to help out on the day.

**Kathryn Bourke** fed back on findings on PE bags / stationary/ New Uniform supplier. Agreed that new uniform supplier will not be able to attend as never replied to email and now too late. Will approach Beats for drawstring bags on sale or return basis and will provide stationary etc. for sale with it. Sell at £20 a bag.

Debate was had on food. It was generally agreed that there was a need to stagger timing better on serving of food to prevent queues becoming too long. Will provide lunch boxes with prepared sandwiches to provide alternative to BBQ

**ACTION: AMANDA HARDY/KATHRYN BOURKE** to organise FunDay rota and follow up with Beats.

### **5/. Officer and Committee Resignations** - (*Archana Singh*)

**Archana Singh** has decided to resign as Chair and Committee member due to increasing work commitments.

**Jeanette Macleod** has decided to stand down from the Committee

The Committee thanked both of them for their excellent and committed work.

**Kathryn Bourke** will take on Rachael Speirs' secretarial duties from September (minutes, agenda, school newsletter) until she returns in January.

**ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL/ RACHAEL SPEIRS** - Chair position to be advertised to new Year 7 parents (Hollie) and in next newsletter in July (Rachael)

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

FOS representatives should also attend induction day to publicise the Committee and need for new chair. Wording on requests for New Class Reps and information on FOS to new parents in parent packs agreed and lots of positive responses received.

**ACTION: HOLLIE RENDALL** to let FOS know when the Induction day will be held and send names of those interested in the Committee. **Rachael Speirs** will attend.

## **7/. 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) for time being. Deborah is now manning the shop on Wednesdays now that Natalia is working, but need to ensure that if people agree to man Deborah's slot on Wednesdays people turn up. May need to revise opening times.

**ACTION** To be discussed next September.

## **8/. Budget and Grants - (Amanda Hardy/Hollie Rendall)**

**Amanda Hardy** confirmed that grant requests to Geography and Music departments have gone ahead (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). Mr Hussey thanked the Committee for their generous grants.

**Amanda Hardy** confirmed that £10,000 for grants remained in account and **Hollie Rendall** confirmed that a number of grant requests had been mooted but not formally made (new lockable Bike Shed, £13,000, grants for individual clubs (Dungeon and Dragon Club)) be discussed further at next meeting, when Hollie had more time to discuss with individual departments.

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

## **9/. Clubs/Community Events/Concerts- (All)**

### **Raffles at Concerts**

Raffles - next one will be held at June concert, £2 a ticket. Grand raffle to be planned for early next term.

Others need to be discussed and agreed at next meeting - need 3 by next September

## **10/. Upcoming FOS Events – (All)**

Year 7 Fun Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. List of volunteers and tasks to be circulated (Amanda).

Tidying shop and storage cupboard before summer – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. (Deborah)

Review food arrangements post Year 7 Fun Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. (Luzia / Vicky)

Wine / drinks for new Year 7 parents – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. (Deborah)

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Wednesday 20th September 7.15pm.

