

## Friends of Moorlands Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **1. Present and apologies**

Present: RP, RC, LJ, GW, LR, J H-E, LK, AB, AP

Apologies: Mr Parkin

### **2. Review of previous minutes**

Previous committee agree minutes were accurate

### **3. Review of previous events**

RP – 2 cake sales, discos, break the rules day, ice poles, coffee morning, Yr 6 Oscars.

Disco – RP Same company but different DJ – any feedback? LJ – it had a different feel/atmosphere. RP if we go with Blake again we will request Chris himself. LK – do we get a discount for Blake? RP it is through AV. LK recommended a lady who would be good (ex primary teacher). LJ agrees worth getting comparison fees so LK to request a price for 1hr 15 x2 in March and one morning end of summer.

### **4. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer's report attached.

Discussion of Scrapstore – LR – are we happy to continue with it? It has always been a rolling commitment but now it is a new committee are we happy to continue? RP - £190 a year is definitely worth continuing with. All agreed.

Oscars – all agreed as a rolling commitment so doesn't need to be agreed each time.

FOM can spend up to £50 each with agreement/vote first.

### **5. Upcoming events**

RP – cake sales, how she we move forward as previous changes haven't worked. LK/AB suggest FOM buy cakes for October cake sale. LR – at Bitterne Park doughnuts sell really well. Buy 12 for £3 and sell for 50p each so make a good profit. All agreed we will do a cake sale where we provide cakes on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. Discussion around selling before 3.15 but agreed this must remain for safeguarding so parents don't miss children. Aim for a table on bottom and top playground. Previous two sales sold around 80-120 cakes so we will buy 120. Discussion around catering for gluten-free but decided not to at this stage. RP – will buy approx. 120 cake but spend less than £70. We will then review future cake sales after this.

Pamper night – agreed 1<sup>st</sup> December. GW – email is ready to send out to sellers. All agree start at 6.30pm and set up from 5om. £15 per table. All sellers to donate raffle prize. We need someone to run the raffle and refreshments. 8 stalls already, mostly staff. GW – a teacher wants to sell samosas is this ok? Yes as long as allergens are shown. LR needs to know if alcohol will be sold so we can get a temporary licence if needed. GW to find out who will be landlord. LK – can we rebrand as Christmas fayre rather than pamper night so it doesn't exclude people. Yes, all agreed. AB check is it open to everyone? Yes. GW will send parentmail out to parents first then to wider community.

Christmas shop – RP last year we took the trolley round to classes but this year would love to do the shop properly again as last year we didn't have enough volunteers/ones that were DBS checked. Could the school pay for us to be DBS checked or we could pay for ourselves? LK – we definitely need to give more notice of timings when asking for volunteers so we can arrange a schedule. LJ – could do it w/c 4/12/23. Through show of hands we found we have good coverage across the week so will go ahead with the shop. Discussion around how much to spend on gifts and what to charge. Previously charged £2.50 and spent £1. AP last year we used Cutprice wholesalers and would be good to get less variety of things as its trickier to buy and takes the children longer to choose. Agree to charge £3 per gift. LR will check the amount of gifts we bought previously and what we spent.

RP – can we do Christmas jumper day? To arrange next meeting.

Father Christmas – Has used Kelly Browns father (in-law?) previously. RP where did we get books previously? The Works/Book People. LR to check what we did last year so we don't get duplicates. Vote to agree £1 per book plus wrapping paper so spend of £450.

Discussion around hamper/raffle – agree to sell tickets on playground and at Christmas plays. J H-E – could we email local companies to ask for donations? LK suggested rainbow hampers – ask for donations and make them up of different colours.

## **6. Teacher updates**

GW – has put minutes on the website are we still happy with this? Yes. GW asked AP to send AGM minutes and asked for photos of committee members we don't have yet, and checked titles of members.

## **7. AOB**

RP – would like to do a presentation every now and then of what we do and what we've been spending money on. AP – could we also ask what people would like us to spend money on?

GW – will ask Mr Parkin for ideas to spend.

LJ – book fayre and parents evening are a good time to advertise/promote ourselves as people are at school then. GW could do photos of past events and what we've spent money on so far.

GW to send photos to RP who will then put this together and send email to office.

RP would love to do a summer fayre. Any reason why we haven't before? LR just the amount of work and number of people.

AB asked how donations can be made. LR any donation is fine.

J H-E asked for information on Year R open days as most other schools advertise at the nursery she works at but Moorlands doesn't.

Referred back to Christmas shop – can we DBS check enough of us to cover each day?

Possibility of Caroline Nash being able to help too.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on Zoom 7.30pm