

Friends of Mill Hill Primary School

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2013

Present: Jenna Ford – Chair
Natasha O'Connor – Secretary
Hana Jackson
Tracie Jackson
George Budnaru
Vicki Pilbeam
Jackie Howard
Yvonne Dixon

Apologies: Kelly Prior - Treasurer

School Council

Ella Ford and Josh Lane from Year 6, who are Chair and Secretary of the school council, attended at the start of the meeting to put in requests for assistance with purchasing items for the school:

- A bin near the football pitch;
- Different sized balls – tennis balls, basketballs, etc;
- Playtime equipment – possibly each class to have their own box with playtime items in them for their class specifically;
- New microphone;
- Resurface the floor at the trim trail so that it can be used in the winter (playground bark chip, soft playground tarmac);
- Table tennis tables for indoors – possibly just nets and bats/balls as 2 dinner tables can be pushed together to form a table (Mrs Marshall has backed this request);
- Karaoke machine for discos, parties, reward event (Natasha has one which the Friends may consider purchasing from her if it is suitable);
- 2 permanent football goals on the playground;
- More decent bins around the playground, possibly near the benches and the seating area.

The Friends agreed that it would be discussed and invited Ella Ford and Josh Lane back to our next meeting.

Notice Board

Jenna opened the meeting by expressing her upset at the parents notice board which had been erected yesterday evening, having been vandalized by the children in less than 24 hours. It has been raised with Mr Leonard and will be followed up.

Halloween

The Halloween event was a success raising £200.50 for the school. Jenna expressed her desire not to do the same event next year, and suggested something more low key such as a Halloween Tea Party – with karaoke, music, refreshments and glow sticks/bracelets (which went down a treat). The kids will be invited to dress up again.

Hana said that she found the Halloween event very busy in the hall and suggested if we are to do a similar event in the future, to space it out more – however, the only way to do that would be to go into the classrooms.

Children in Need – 15 November 2013

Jenna confirmed the Pudsey Pots are ready for each classroom and reminded the members that each class are going to be invited to bring in their loose change to fill their Pudsey Pot. The class with the most filled pot will win a cake and refreshments. Tracie suggested choosing the winner by weight rather than most filled, and it was agreed that it would be the heaviest Pudsey Pot wins. The pots will be weighed at 1 pm on Children in Need day with the winner announced during the assembly. We are doing an after school cake sale to raise funds too. Kelly Prior has offered to make a cake for the winning class.

Christmas Disco – 5 December 2013

The DJ has been booked for the Christmas Disco to take place on the 5 December. Volunteers have been arranged for the hot dog stall but we need volunteers for refreshments. See previous Minutes for more info and additional volunteers.

Mill Hill Primary School's Funtastical Christmas Fayre – 14 December 2013

The Christmas Fayre organizing is underway, to take place on Saturday 14 December from 11 am to 6 pm. Jenna confirmed she has booked a face painter who is paying a stall fee and will charge per face/glitter tattoos. Year 6 and Mrs Marshall are doing the grotto with Tracie Jackson and Vicki Pilbeam. Tracie suggested she may make a start on it the Friday before. Adam from Growing Places has agreed to be our Santa and in return we have sponsored him £20 for competing in the GSR.

Jenna confirmed there is a Santa suit in the PTA cupboard and it was agreed for her to go ahead and buy from the funds a beard and wig for £9. Jenna has purchased tassel tinsel and a scene setter for the grotto. Jackie has 2 Christmas trees which she will donate for decoration. Year 6 are also making decorations for the grotto,

Craft Bank

Tracie told Jenna about Craft Bank, which Jenna was unaware of, and Tracie and Jenna will go down there before Christmas to see what they can get.

Christmas Tree

Peter Leonard has approached Jenna to ask for assistance from the Friends in purchasing a Christmas tree this year. He has agreed the school will contribute £45 towards a good tree and asked if the Friends could have a look around for a fairly decent one and make up the difference. Jenna said Wayne (her husband) said there is a place near Wickham that does good trees, so that is a starting point. There was discussion about decorations and again we are going to see what Tracie and Jenna can come back from Craft Bank with.

Shopping Evening

Tasha reminded everyone that the shopping evening was tonight and asked for volunteers if possible, to help set up, to just be present during the evening and to come along and make a few purchases.

Present Buying

Jenna mentioned present buying, and whilst we are still awaiting a date from Mr Leonard, Jenna said it is well out of her comfort zone, she wouldn't know where to start with organizing it. Jenna suggested that we leave it for this year and concentrate on the Fayre and Disco, and start to think in the New Year about making purchases in January sales for items for 2014 present buying. After much discussion, it was agreed to leave it for this year and concentrate on the 2 remaining events after tonight's shopping evening.

AOB

None

Next meeting – Friday 13 December 2013 at 2 pm

Reminder that details for all events can be found on our Facebook Group – Friends of Mill Hill