

FROGS meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 8pm at Grasmere Primary School

Present: Ed Wood (chair), Tom Smith (Treasurer), Ruth Lewis (secretary), Nicola Kleynhans (committee member), Caroline Sapiens (committee member), Kate Bonhote, Jamie Norton, Edie Langley, Lea Teuscher, Andrew Quin, Anna Clara Giurleo, Eva Recacha, Ulku, Nina, Maggie, Symone Genovezos, Julia Cockroft

Apologies: Julie Harris, Anna Leathley, Jo Shire, Jenn Flandro, Nicola, Julia

Changes to class reps

Jo Shire was stepping down as a Y2 rep. Anna Clara would replace her. Kate and Jamie agreed to be additional Y6 reps.

Actions:

Check new reps added to Slack.

Additional Y4 reps and nursery reps to be recruited.

Treasurer's report

Tom circulated the latest financial report.

The Y6 Kench Hill contribution had now been paid and some invoices had come in for the work in the cellar (around £500).

Income had come in from the Y5 cake sale (£104) and some further contributions from The Giving Machine and payroll/ matched giving.

There is around £6.5k available.

Spend requests

It was agreed to commit £150 for the garden / gardening club expenses.

Julie Harris and Billy had put together a proposal for the outdoor space where the FROGS sheds had been. It would cost around £1000 to make this into a quiet area. Debbie would allocate £250 from the SEN budget towards this too. This was approved.

Eva explained about the project to convert the ICT suite into an art room. The old computers would need to be replaced by laptops. The estimated cost was £4500. £1100 had already been raised by parents. Improving the art provision would mean the school may be able to get an art award and therefore more funding from the borough. It would also be beneficial for Ofsted. The project was generally supported but it was agreed that this would be taken forward by the arts committee.

Kate requested £800-£2k to complete the mural on the KS2 playground wall which had been discussed for a long time. She was working on this with Julie Harris. The cost may be lower if no scaffolding required. She would firm up the cost. If in the region of £800 this could be approved by the committee.

Kate also requested funding for independent pollution monitoring. This would be £200-£1000. Cost to be confirmed. This could then be approved by the committee.

Nicole reported that Lisa had requested money to replace the shelves in the music room and to repair the glockenspiels. This was also agreed in principle subject to costing.

Actions:

Kate to come back to committee with firm costs for mural and pollution monitoring.

Nicola / Lisa to come back with cost for music requests.

Committees

It was proposed to set up various committees to work with the school to work out the school's objectives and priorities in certain areas and how FROGS and the parent community could support these including putting in for grants and raising money working closely with school staff. The people who had indicated an interest so far or did so at the meeting were as follows:

Music committee: Jamie, Edie, Nicola

Art: Nina, Eva / Alejandro, Anna-Clare, Andrew, Lea

Tech / STEM: Jaco, Vivian, Ed, Symone, Wayne

Grounds / sports: Kate, Oliver, Tom [Edge], Julie Harris, Stephen Foster

Library: Lea, Carolina, Ruth F, Ruth L

Actions

Consider how to involve more people in these committees and how to communicate about them.

Ed to set up committee groups on Slack?

Ruth to circulate flyer for library committee via mail chimp (Lea to provide).

Events for the year

Various new events ideas were discussed, including discos (Easter?) and a pub quiz (March/April). Not all events should be pub based. It was agreed to run the auction again separately from the summer fair. The usual cake / lolly sales and fairs would continue. Cinema evenings in the spring term for KS1 and years 4-6.

It was proposed to encourage parents to do sponsored events for FROGS.

A Turkish / Kurdish event was discussed, probably to be scheduled for June after Ramadan when the weather would be better for a BBQ. Ulku would discuss with other parents.

It was agreed to hold a bonfire party / disco on Friday 8 November.

Actions

Ruth to recirculate list of dates based on last year.

To draw up a calendar of events.

Organise 8 November event.

Check date for International evening.

Other business

The school was planning to trial a new communication platform shortly.

Actions

Move the notice board and put the FROGS constitution up

Check PA system working before next event.

Next FROGS meeting

Friday 9 November 9am in the staff room