



AGS FRIENDS - MINUTES

Wednesday 28 February 2024, 6:30pm

In Attendance

R.Thorpe (RT), Y.Bruton (VB), H.Silcox (HS), G.Farrington (GF), J.Parry (JP), C. Vanstone (CV), K. Ellicott (KE), R. Turner (RTu), G. Harrison (GH), J.Ward (JW).

Apologies

C Larsen and J Johnson-Chang

1. Welcome

Everyone introduced themselves and their connection to the school.
All agreed minutes were correct and accurate.
No declarations of business.

2. Updates from last meeting

GF updated the committee on the application for a bank account. Everyone has signed off the application and it can take up to 30 working days. RT thanked GF for all her hard work on setting this up. All five committee members are signatories. Plan B was discussed if the bank account was not open before our first event. A donation to the school fund would be made.

Action - HS to look into applying to become a charity even if the bank account is still pending. RT and HS will make the application to become a charity.

3. Planning for the remainder of this school year

School Lottery - Reinstating the 50/50 club was discussed. VB explained how this club works. It was agreed that this should be set up asap and that the draw would be filmed. A discussion took place about 'quirky' ways for the draw to take place. VB suggested that local businesses could be asked to build relationships in the local area. Committee decided that parents would need to know the aim to raise money

and it was suggested by RT that IT. IT affects all pupils and is an ongoing development for the school.

End of summer event - will take place Friday 5 July. This is the only date when the theatre would be available and works within the school calendar. It is hoped that sports day will take place on this day so the theatre could be set up throughout the day. It was decided that a quiz would take place and a discussion took place about who this quiz was aimed at. The committee agreed that it should be open to all and an emphasis will be made that parents take responsibility for their children. It would also be specified how many students could be on a team. A discussion took place about whether food should be provided.

Refreshments at school events - the committee discussed providing refreshments at the spring concert 24 April, induction evening for new year 7's on 9 July and summer concert on 11 July. Concern was raised that in July there would be too many events for the committee to cover. It will be decided at the next meeting which events to provide refreshments for depending on the amount of volunteers who come forward. A discussion took place about obtaining an alcohol licence and it was agreed that this should be looked into.

Action - HS to look into setting up the 50/50 club. VB - clarity around what is being asked by parents and affordability. RTu to investigate food options for the end of summer event. HS/CV/RT to look into an alcohol licence.

4. Comms and survey

Discussion took place about the best way to get the message across to parents. A Facebook account to be set up and information sent out in the Principals update/group call. VB shared a survey she had set up to be sent out and suggestions were made. A discussion then took place about how data should be stored and that we would need a privacy policy.

VB to write an update for the Principals update and to include a save the date for the 5 July. VB to include a link in the survey to donate money to the school fund. On the survey question 6 should be removed. Question 8 should say 'how should we'.

VB/CV to investigate if a google form could be used instead. VB to add a question 'which are you most likely to read'. VB will send the survey to the group to test before sending out to parents. CV to set up a Facebook account.

5. Any other Business

Meetings to be extended to 1.5 hours.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 11 March at 6.30pm. This will be a planning for refreshments meeting and depending on the number of volunteers it can be decided which events to provide refreshments for.