

AGM Minutes
Friends of Treverbyn Academy School Year 2018/19
9th October 2019

Present

E. Knowles, J. Kearns, L. Knowles, E. Jones, K. Edens, K. Tanner, N. Rawling, A. Rawling, E. Riley, S. Thomas, B. Pope, M. Beynon, O. Hill, S. Byrne, S. Welch

Welcome

Meeting opened at 6.02pm – A warm welcome given to everyone attending from E. Knowles (Chair), thanking everyone for attending and supporting the AGM this year.

Apologies

A. Rowe, V. Dawes, M. Tregidgo, A. Moyle, all sent their apologies for being unable to attend.

Previous AGM Minutes

Agreed.

Matters Arising From 2017/18 AGM Minutes

None.

Chairpersons Annual Report

Was read by E. Knowles (See attached).

Treasurers Annual Report

Was read by J. Kearns (See attached).

Election of new Committee Members

All committee members stood down to open the floor for any other parents who would like to take on the roles. K. Tanner said that she would like to stand as Co Chairperson with E. Knowles (voted in by show of hands). E. Jones said she would like to stand as Co Treasurer with J. Kearns (voted in by show of hands). N. Rawling stood as Secretary (voted in by show of hands).

General Business: This Year's Events

Halloween Disco

After last year's success this will run again this year. It can't be called a Halloween Disco; instead it is to be the Spooky Disco as requested by the Academy Trust. No masks allowed as per last year and it will also kept as fancy dress. Lots of the attendees signed up to help out at this event as parent helpers too which was amazing.

Non School Uniform Days

Will remain the same as before, with £1 per child or a donation of bottles/jars for the tombola stall at the Fairs (Christmas and Summer). Parents present were also asked if anyone was to be clearing any unwanted soft toys from home they could donate them to the FOTA for the Toy Tombola.

Christmas Make Morning

Although this is organised by the School, the FOTA do provide refreshment at break-time for parents who attend. This is on a donation basis and is more of a service than to raise funds.

Christmas Fair

The date has been set for the Fair and thankfully will return to the original set up. We know that the previous regime of everything being kept in the School Hall put people off from coming as it was very cramped. This year there will be much more room to move around, so hopefully parents will be able to enjoy the Fair with their children.

The Classroom stalls will be in their classrooms, selling the items that the children have made. This will free up space in the School Hall allowing room for the FOTA stalls. We are still looking into which stalls will be run. They will include a Toy Tombola Table, Bottle and Jar Tombola, Bucket of Booze (18+ only) Raffle, the possibility of a Chocolate Hamper Raffle (suggested in the AGM by E. Jones) but to mention a few. This year there will also be room for local craft stalls in the Hall. Parents of the school who make and sell craft items to the local community have been invited to attend. Tables include Handmade Cards, Children's Bows/Macramé, Hot Chocolate Cones/Popcorn Cones (being sold by Year 6 parents to help raise funds for their leavers disco), Knitted/Crochet items plus other possible tables. The Nursery has been invited to have a table but currently have declined due to other commitments that day.

Breakfast with Father Christmas Mornings

This year the sessions will be longer (approximately starting around 7.45/8am until 9am) as parents felt that Mr Gentiles (previous Headmaster) timings were too short last Christmas. As requested by parents the sessions will be mixed age groups not split into KS1 and KS2 to make it easier for parents and children to attend together. Nursery children can attend if they have a sibling at the School and only if a parent attends with them. Children at the School do not need to attend with a parent, but if they are in the early years it is recommended that a parent should attend. We are currently looking into the presents given by Father Christmas and the consensus of AGM attendees was that a chocolate based gift would be acceptable (if allergies are affected an alternative would be given, but this would need to be arranged when buying tickets for the event). B. Pope did suggest that we don't use paper table cloths this year, instead looking for something reusable. The FOTA will look into costing to see if it is viable for the event.

Christmas Cinema Trip

We are very thankful that Mr Welch has allowed for all Year Groups (Reception Class-Year 6 inclusive) to attend the annual Cinema Trip for the first time since its start. This will mean that the School will ask for parent helpers nearer to the event. The FOTA will once again pay for the tickets and provide popcorn and drinks to the children. The Cinema has requested that no sweets with individual wrappers or small sweets such as Millions be taken. It was the general consensus of the AGM attendees that no sweets should be taken at all (unless an allergy prevents the child from eating the popcorn etc provided). Due to the numbers attending this year there is the need to split Reception and KS1 into one screen and KS2 into another to allow for ratios and parent helpers to attend. Both screens will be showing the same film (The Grinch 2018).

The FOTA will once again be providing the Nursery children with DVDs and the same popcorn/drinks to allow them a Cinema Experience within their setting.

Beach Trip Ice-creams

The FOTA will continue to donate money towards the beach trip ice-creams for the children. Also providing ice-cream for the nursery as in previous years.

Year 6 Leavers Gifts

The FOTA will continue to provide Year 6 leavers with useful leavers' gifts to be presented in their leavers' assembly.

All other event dates are available to see on either the FOTA Facebook Page or in the notice board at School.

Other Business Raised

Scooters

Mr Welch would like the FOTA to fund 30 scooters and safety equipment for use at school (15 3 wheelers and 15 BMX style 2 wheelers). This is the next big project that the FOTA will need to raise funds for and will cost approximately £1700. Last year the FOTA did apply for grant funding for this project but were turned down. We will endeavour to push on and make it happen.

Easy Fundraising App

Over the past months a number of parents have downloaded a free App called easyfundraising. It enables you to shop on lots of websites and acts as a portal to those sites. When you shop via this portal the charity benefits from the retailer giving a percentage of your spend to the charity. It's a win win, you shop and fundraise at the same time. This information has previously been given to parents via the FOTA Newsletter and on the FOTA Facebook page. B. Pope asked for the information to be shared again on the FOTA Facebook page. Mr Welch asked for the information to again be sent to the School Office to share and use by the School as they frequently shop online.

School Parking

B. Pope raised the issue of parking at the School. As stated last year, the FOTA have no control over parking at the school at all. A discussion was had between all AGM attendees about the issue. Unfortunately no resolution was to be found about the matter. Many parents attending did like the proposed idea of a Walking Bus (Mr Welch gave information that The Treverbyn Hall were looking into the idea).

Date of next AGM

Proposed date early October 2020.

Close of meeting

Mr Welch and E. Knowles thanked parents for attending.

Meeting closed by E. Knowles at 7.15pm.

Minutes taken and written by E. Knowles.

Thank you all for attending and supporting the Friends of Treverbyn Academy.