



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of
Watford Grammar School for Boys
(FOS),
at
Rickmansworth Road,
Watford, Herts WD18 7JF
Held on the Thursday 19th January, @
7.30 pm - L111**

Attendance

Archana Singh – Chair
Rachael Speirs – Secretary

Andrea Leib
Elaine Hudson
Luzia Lai
Jeanette McLeod
Mrs Phanishree
Natalya Strelcuka
Neru Suni
Deborah Bush

Apologies

Andrea Allen

Victoria Conquest

Amanda Hardy

Clare Larkmann

Sunil Shah

Danielle Wright

1/. Introduction - (*Archana Singh*)

Archana stated that Hollie Rendall, the new fundraiser had been in touch and was due to attend meeting but wasn't yet here.

Rachael Speirs said that she had had an email from Hollie saying she was going to attend too, but perhaps something had come up at the last minute.

2/. Minutes – (*Rachael Speirs*)

Minutes for the 8th November tabled and no comments, but **Rachael Speirs** reminded **Archana Singh** that she needed to update as Rachael had been late to the meeting

3/. School Shop

A discussion was had on the school shop and it had been decided that the FOS could man the shop so that parents' interest could be gauged. It was decided that the shop open would on the first Wednesday after term starts back: 22nd February, between 3.15 and 4.30 and every Wednesday after that. **Natalya Strelcuka** was prepared to man the shop on Wednesdays. It will be also open on Saturday 4th March between 10-12 and one Saturday every half term after that, with a rota being prepared by Andrea Leib and Jeanette McLeod. Rachael Speirs would collect the lost unnamed property and wash and return with Andrea's help.

Shirts and trousers were not as sellable as sports gear, blazers and coats.

The school's opinion on lost property which was named would be sought - there was a general feeling in the committee that parents should be given more of an opportunity to collect lost property if boys failed to do so.

Action:

Archana Singh to liaise with Hollie Rendall to get keys for the shop and the lost property office.

An email for the shop would be set up
WBGs.schoolshop@gmail.com.

The shop would be given a spring clean and clear out by **Natalya Strelcuka , Deborah Bush, Luzia Lai** and **Jeanette McLeod** and old unsellable stuff would be given to charity The school should be encouraged to send out an email about lost property.

4/. Upcoming events - Quiz 25th Feb (*Danielle Wright*)

Confirmed in Danielle's absence that ticket sales going well, teachers to be pushed to take tickets.

Action: **Deborah Bush** to set up Quiz table for friends. Buddies of Year 7 Reps to be pushed to put out request for tickets on What's App.

5/. Grants/ Fundraising and Budget Update –
(*Amanda Hardy/Hollie Rendall*)

No grant applications received - as Amanda and Hollie absent

6/. Next Committee dates and Year 7 Fun Day

Next committee dates to be on Thursdays and it was settled that there should only be one committee date each term, at most two, and the next one would be Thursday 27th April and June 8th or the 15th (well before year 7 fun day).

Action: **Hollie Rendall** to be asked to advertise Committee dates on Website (**Rachael Speirs**)

7/. Update on Meeting on Social Links with parents

(*Deborah Bush*)

(*Original committee - Kathryn Bourke, Deborah Bush, Luzia Lai, Anne Maria Farmsworth, Cheryl Kent, Jackie Cannon, Kathryn Bourke, Effie Stevenson, Susannah Huxham*)

Deborah Bush reported back that **Akash Shah** had found it difficult to set up the Badminton group using school facilities, but not heard anything further.

The Football tournament was still being planned and was expected to go ahead last week of term.

Cake masterclass had gone very well, and another one planned in March on Choux pastry.

Action: Deborah Bush was asked to pass on to the Food Technology teacher that the cooking masterclasses should be better advertised next time - perhaps on the website and in the newsletter.

To be discussed with Hollie next meeting **Hollie Rendall** the ability to put on teenage behavioural class as the Herts Young Minds team were available to do that and FOS could arrange classes through them and also autism/ addiction to technology/ computer games / drugs for parents classes from Year 9 parents onwards.

8/ Report back on Raffle and Bollywood/Harvest Dance

Raffle: (*Deborah Bush*)

Deborah Bush confirmed that raffle had gone well and made about £2,300 of profit. Committee congratulated the sub-committee on the fact it had gone so well.

Action:

Deborah Bush will send prize winners' names to **Rachael Speirs** for the newsletter.

The School is to be asked to draw raffle winners in assembly in public next time.

Next raffle next year should be held maybe at Easter so as not to coincide with Xmas.

Dance on 19th November (*Archana Singh*)

Archana Singh confirmed that the feedback on the dance had been good, and that food had been complimented, especially starters. Some had commented that the desserts could have been better. For the work that was put into it, not much money was made but as it was an event designed to bring the community together, that was acceptable.

Next time it might be a good idea to stress to parents that the cash bar was a main way of raising money for the school and politely ask parents not to bring their own drink.