



Minutes – 6.30 pm – School reception Tuesday 23rd Sept 2019

Present:

Sally Piper (Braunton Academy Staff and PP), Tracey Elliott (Co-opted Chair and Parent), Karen Clee (Parent), Sam Hood (Parent), Angela Corner (Parent), Naomi Moore (Parent), Clair Plaza (Parent), Laura Grimshaw (Parent), Gill Woodward (Parent), Theresa Russell (Parent), Anna Chilcott (Parent), Paul Trueman (Parent)

Apologies:

Mick Cammack (Principal), Mary-Anne Redstone (Parent) Debbie Day (Parent), Noel McPherson (Parent), Sarah Renton (Parent)

Accounts and Wish Lists:

Discussion of latest accounts.

Drama Headsets for Principles in Plays/Musicals were not purchased in the end after Roving Crows Gig as it was felt this was no longer the best option by head of Music. So there is some money still in the pot for Drama/ expressive arts. **Tracey / Sally** to go back to Expressive arts to discuss.

Science Department's proposed Timeline Wall – An application for a Perrigo grant has been made for this by BAPP, still awaiting results from September meeting of grant group, **Tracey** to follow up.

Big thank you to Sally piper and her friend who served teas and coffees at the Military Wives Choir concert and made £79.70

Wish list

Tracey presented the teachers Wish List collected from each department at the end of last year. Discussed the ways that we could fundraise for these items.

Paul T suggested a Christmas list request from Teachers to father Christmas of all the things they would love for school. This was thought to be a great idea. Paul T happy to write this once list finalised.

It was decided that we would ask teachers/ departments to clarify:

- What priority do the things on the list have e.g. Needed now, desirable, dream items. So that we can make sense of what to fundraise for first.
- What difference it would make to the children having these items (particularly expensive ones) in class.
- Are there any things that have been missed.

Sally suggested that it would be good to check the lists with Mrs Frost and Mr Cammack in case there are things that would be covered in school budget. Also there may be additional things they would like to add. Angela volunteered to type up the lists and Tracey will forward onto the above.

Discussion was had about how parents and students feed into discussion about what they would additionally like at school. Students feed in what they want through student forum with head boy/ head girl. Discussion then continued about how nice it would be for parents to have a say in what the school needed as well. A questionnaire home to parents was proposed, that parents could then discuss answers with their children. This would facilitate parents feeling more engaged and involved with fundraising for additional school resources. Tracey to discuss this idea with Mr Cammack and Clair P and Naomi M to look at wording a questionnaire, to be sent out if Mr Cammack is in agreement.

Discussion about whether it would be possible for each department to have 1 or 2 parents from BAPP to liaise in an ongoing way over what they would like as a department and to build a supportive relationship between teachers and parents in BAPP. Tracey to take this idea to Mr Cammack.

For practical jobs on Wish List we talked about having a community / school tidy up day or jobs day. Looking at getting parents, grandparents and the wider community involved in helping the school. Discussed how this may lead onto older people and students collaborating on something, there have been some schemes where this has been effective in building empathy and relationship.

Just Giving

Just Giving account has been set up so page can now be set up. Discussion about how best to market the wish list, whether it is like a wedding list so parents can see what needs buying and either buy it or put money towards something particular or a more general list of examples. It was felt that a more specific list made you more want to give money as you could see how it was needed and choose what to buy.

Easy fundraising

We still get some money in via this scheme. Sally to do a reminder to parents of what this is and how to do it, especially with Christmas coming up.

Parents' Evenings

Year 7 Parents' Evening – We will aim to do teas and coffees at this and have BAPP information out and what we are raising money for.

Other parents evenings, students to do teas and coffees.

Other Events for 2019

We have the cricket club booked for Thursday November 14th. Discussed what we could have that night as a fund raiser. Tracey to see if cricket club can change booking to a Friday?

There may still be an option to do Chilled beats and Gin Tasting Evening with Rob Lyle and Rob Jones. Laura to talk to them about whether they are still up for doing this. Alternatively a 90's throw back dance night was also an option if they can't.

Other suggestions:

Car wash day, where students fundraise for something they really want. Discussed that students always talk about improvement to the changing facilities in the sports hall. Braunton Academy have been applied to the ESFA for a CIF (Capital Improvement Fund) bid for to make improvements to the Sports Hall, but have failed. Discussed ideas around a 'changing rooms' type community fundraising and building project. Sally reminded everyone of strict building regulations around school changes, but one to think about for the future.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 30th October 6.30pm School reception
AGM Wednesday 20th November
