

## **FORPS Meeting minutes**

Date: 15 October 2024

Location: Rickleton Primary School - Library

Present: Vicky, Helen, Judith, Denise, Nikki, Pauline, Karen, Jean, Ashleigh, Mrs Banks

Apologies: Sarah, Keeley, Julie, Lauren, Victoria

### **Welcome**

Welcome to everyone.

Everyone introduced themselves to welcome Ashleigh.

### **Interactive classroom**

Mrs Banks joined the meeting to share some information regarding the interactive classroom.

Mrs Banks shared some video clips from Bliss gener8 who create the interactive classrooms. Mrs Banks has seen one of the classrooms set up and explained how the set up would work and the kind of things which can be achieved.

#### Set up

- 3 'interactive' walls
- 3 projectors
- It is possible to also fit an interactive floor
- It is possible to have a set up which allows smells to be put into the area to create a totally immersive experience.

#### Capabilities

- Can touch the walls and it will add additional elements / provide additional information.
  - For example – Photo on wall – touch it and it tells you about the person in the picture.
- Pre-loaded with most of the curriculum currently in place and can be used across multiple subjects including:
  - History
  - Geography
  - Modern foreign languages
  - Science
- It will also be possible to use the room to create a sensory space, which will add to the provision already in school.

#### Costs

- Estimated cost is £10k
- There is a warranty whereby if anything needs adjusting or realigned, this would be at no additional cost for an extended period.
- It is possible to buy an additional subscription, which could also be used on the whiteboards already in school.

## Othe information

Ryhope Junior school have recently had a classroom installed and have kindly said that we can visit. It is likely that the visit will be after half term. In addition to Mrs Banks and Mr Baker it may be possible for a member of FORPS to also attend.

Mrs Banks then left the meeting.

Everyone feels like this would be a great addition to our school and that it sounds very impressive. It was suggested that some estimates are gathered to work out the amount to be raised.

## Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from last meeting accepted.

## Points from previous meeting

Review of action points from previous meeting carried out. Outstanding point re Banner – Information was shared for the banner, but no action has been taken to order the banner or investigate it further. Helen to sort this.

## Membership

Ashleigh attended the meeting tonight.

Helen has tried to reach out to one of the parents who left details at the new parents' event. No success over the summer – Mrs Price is going to try and make contact.

## Recent events / upcoming events

- Bingo
  - Decided to hold event in January.
- Halloween disco
  - Date changed from 24 October to 07 November due to other activities in school.
  - Letters went out last week.
  - Usual set up
    - Crisps and drink for all children.
      - Tesco have kindly offered to supply the juice for the disco – Thank you!
      - Karen has priced up crisps and has found that it will be cheaper to buy the small individual flavour multi packs from Aldi rather than large multipacks which we then need to remove cheese and onion from (allergies).
      - Once we have numbers Karen will buy what is needed.
    - Tickets priced at £2.50 per child.
    - Glow sticks to be sold.
      - Karen has checked the bungalow. The glow sticks are missing the plastic joint. We are therefore unable to use these.
      - Mrs Price to order 1500 glow sticks
  - Due to mix up with candy floss delivery for summer fair we will also provide all children with a tub of candy floss as they leave the disco.

- Pre-loved uniform
  - Progress has been made with sorting uniform.
  - Tried to keep 10/12 of each item in each size.
  - Remaining items will be donated to local foodbanks etc which have uniform shops.
  - Mrs Price is keen to have a uniform sale at the end of each term.
- Christmas fair
  - Vicky gave an overview of her thoughts for the fair to gather opinions in advance of her meeting with Mrs Price on Thursday.
  - Key points
    - Try new method of tombola.
    - Use Christmas stockings to add a twist to the lucky dip.
    - Speak to 'Tyne Pizza' to see if it would be possible to buy pizzas to sell by the slice.
    - Not bother with inflatables for this fair.
    - Restrict external stallholders.

## Finances

Current bank balance £4,768.00

## Funding requests

- Thank you letter from Year 6 for helping with leavers costs.
- Thank you letter from Year 1 for helping with the costs for a trip to the theatre. The children had a great time!
- Thank you from Mrs Banks for the history books and our continuing support.
- Mrs Price – Whole school
  - £35.99 requested to purchase Tom Percival's 'Big bright feelings' books
    - Funding agreed in full.
- Mr Baker – KS2 playground
  - £250.00 requested to purchase 2 storage benches for playground equipment.
    - Funding agreed in full.
  - Following review of the request Helen to confirm with Mrs Price if 2 or 3 benches are required as the request is unclear.
- Nursery
  - Request funding to provide a Chinese workshop for the children. Total cost if £400.
    - Funding of £200 agreed (50% of cost of visit).
- Mrs Conway – RE lead
  - £130.00 requested to purchase RE resources.
    - Funding agreed in full.

## Any other business

- Helen asked if people would be interested in having a Christmas social.
  - Proposed meal at Novellos on Tuesday 10 December.
  - Helen will put a poll into the WhatsApp group to see if this will work.
- Nikki has found a file of old FORPS documents – she will pass these to Helen.
- Nikki asked if it would be possible to transfer the Charity tax return over to Helen.
  - Helen and Nikki will sort this outside of the meeting.

### **Action points**

- Helen
  - Sort out 'free' banner.
  - Speak to Mrs Price re request for benches for KS2 playground.
  - Put poll into WhatsApp re Christmas social.
- Vicky
  - Continue with Christmas fair prep.
  - Add Ashleigh to WhatsApp group.
- Mrs Price
  - Order 1500 glowsticks in advance of disco.
- Karen
  - Collect juice from Tesco in advance of disco.
  - Purchase crisps from Aldi in advance of disco.
- Nikki
  - Pass file of FORPS information to Helen.
  - Speak with Helen to transfer the Charity tax return.

### **Next meeting date**

Date: Tuesday 26 November 2024

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Washington Cricket Club