



MINUTES

Friends of Vaughan AGM Minutes

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In Attendance

Becca Braithwaite [BB], Sonal Patel [SP], Praj Singh [PS], Jenny Chauhan [JC], Lucy Matthews [LM], Sam Webster [SW], Kirsten Beaven [KB], Kina Makanji [KB], Yomna Nasr [YN], Rekha Aggarwal [RA], Nishma Mistry [NM], Mansi Goela [MG], Rupal Kubavat [RK]

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending!

Chair and Treasurer's Reports: Attached in the email

Fundraising asks for the year:

There are 4 areas where the school needs support in terms of fundraising:

Library books around topics like environment and diversity

- Under the 'Time for Change' project, the school would like the kids to have access to books on topics like environment, ecosystem and diversity in the newly renovated library.
- The school has a wishlist of these library resources to make it complete where they'll need help from the PTA - this is also closely tied to curriculum development.

Computing curriculum:

- During the lockdown, the barriers around computer literacy became even more evident and the school wants to ensure the kids have opportunities to enhance their computer skills.
- Currently, the equipment in school is lacking which presents a few challenges - 1) Kids are not getting the most out of their lessons as they need to share the equipment. 2) Outdated equipment means the latest functionalities may not be available for the kids to acquaint themselves with.
- To address these gaps, the school is planning to add 15 devices for the infant school and 15 devices for the junior school.

Playground improvements:

- Play is key for our childrens' health and well-being and play time is crucial for kids to let off the steam which helps them focus better on their lessons.
- Currently, there are aspects of the playground that are not optimal and need improvement to ensure kids are making the most of their playtime.
- The school would like to add play equipment, develop play areas and zones that will provide

more quality play time for the children.

Sensory/Therapy Room Development:

- The school endeavours to provide a safe place with mood lighting and cozy furniture to make a welcoming space for kids who want to have some quiet time. This is a key initiative to ensure the mental health of our children.
- This room will also be used for therapeutic intervention for kids with special needs, dealing with bereavement and anxiety with the help of a licensed counselor.

Events Planned/Discussed for Autumn Term:

Christmas Cards: Lucy is leading the Christmas cards initiative this year as well, thanks Lucy! The artwork pack will need to be picked up from school by November, 10th 2021. Lucy will coordinate with Mrs Beaven on the next steps.

Autumn Bake Sale: The bake sale has added complexity as the cakes need to be labelled with all the ingredients to ensure the kids and parents are aware of any allergens. If we can manage the allergens labelling, the bake sale can be done post half term on November, 12th 2021 (Friday).

Santa's Grotto: Santa's Grotto will be organised this year during school time when kids can visit Santa. The tickets can be charged and in addition we're also considering getting digital photographs that parents can buy. This could also be in the form of ticket and ticket + photo packages. The date for Santa's grotto is December 10th, 2021 (Friday).

Autumn non-uniform day: To be held on November 12th, 2021 (Friday) to tie it with eco assembly and the bake sale on the same day.

Golden time boxes: Jenny has taken an inventory and has a list ready. Jenny will be coordinating with Mrs Beaven on next steps. Thanks Jenny!

Halloween costume swap: We discussed doing a Halloween costume swap where costumes that are not being used at home can be collected in the school and then parents will have an opportunity to buy these costumes at a reduced rate ensuring savings for the parents as well as reuse of costumes to reduce our environmental impact. Since Halloween is just around the corner, it's a very tight deadline for this year. There are other opportunities we're exploring around Christmas and World Book Day when we'd like to launch this initiative.

Diary Dates

- 12th November, 2021: Non-Uniform Day – Eco Theme + Autumn Bake sale
- 10th December, 2021: Santa's Grotto

Date of Next Meeting

- 12th November, 2021