

Friends of Hatcham College
Committee Meeting
1st March 2022



Online meeting:

Clare Sharpen, John Benjamin Robb, Karen Staples, Liz Durno, Naomi Davis, Ingrid Lunden, Candy Engel, Cyril Wilens, Catherine Peters
Apologies: Fidelis Wheeler, Alison Jop

Agenda:

May event update(s) and decision

Discussion had about the May event. No one had any big updates and had not been able to spend much time on it. Clare had no response from WhatsApp call-out for support.

Clare feels uncertain about launching an event and not having resources/volunteers and feels that there are other things that FoHC are doing that can be more impactful.

Liz raised the point that FoHC will do refreshments at In the Heights school musical 11th-13th July – lucrative and a way to raise the profile

Action: Clare and committee decided to not pursue this event – she will communicate this decision on the FoHC whatsapp group

Quiz planning (Liz)

We will need 10 volunteers . Candy confirmed it is possible to buy tickets on FoHC website 'Shop' page. Liz and Karen can do the shopping in the morning. Ingrid said music department still keen for students to perform a number from In the Heights at the Quiz Night

Action: Liz to ask if Saffron will print and put up posters around canteen, to put banner on school website and ask if Heads of Year can mention in assembly

Action: Liz will draft an email to go out to parents

Action: Liz will do the TENS licence and will get i-zettles from Ben, Candy has the float

Action: Clare will mention to Mr Thomas to see if he wants to attend and promote it to the staff

Dyson Garden update (Candy / Naomi)

Candy and Naomi have had meeting with Mary Williams – school wanting to move it on and have decided on one of the options Candy proposed. Candy is getting together the prices e.g. outdoor classroom/groundwork etc – it's a lot of work. School has a bit of money, but there will be some fundraising asks and need for parent volunteers. They want a few elements ready for summer.

Young carers / welfare dept update

Karen had a positive meeting with Patricia Santome – staff member who supports Young Carers and students who don't have English as a first language. Patricia has some ideas how we can help build community with students who don't speak English as a first language. Clare mentioned to interim head Mr Thomas that we had got together a uniform for a new starter that had been in need and that we want to do more of that sort of thing.

Young Carers Week 16th March – Clare has drafted a leaflet to be emailed/WhatsApp to encourage people to donate money throughout March which will be earmarked for Young Carers work in the school

Oxbridge coaching update

Clare has had 9 people who are willing to help Oxbridge candidates – Hatcham College is a leading school in Lewisham for applications – 20 students usually apply and 4-6 get in. History teacher Estelle Cooch supports them in her 'spare time'.

Liz mentioned that school has 'Step-up' and 'Eleven-up' programmes (New College Oxford and Kings College Cambridge). Lewisham Council do a trip to Oxford and Cambridge.

Action: Clare to co-ordinate with Estelle on next steps

Cyril – mentioned that some international universities eg Dutch have courses in English – perhaps this could be highlighted to Sixth Formers.

Action: Clare will ask Estelle if this already happens

Internet Banking application – Metro Bank Community Account

Friends of Hatcham College is looking to open a Community Current account with Metro Bank, to help with our charity needs.

Key officials:

Chair – Clare Sharpen

Treasurer – John Benjamin Robb

Secretary – Naomi Ruth Davis

Key officials, (Clare Rosemary Sharpen, John Benjamin Robb, Naomi Ruth Davis), will have the control of the accounts and be on a One to Sign Mandate. This will allow key officials to be able to act on the accounts jointly, including making transactions, adding additional account operators and internet banking services.

Action: Candy has some expenses and will contact Ben about them to get payment

Action: Clare to check with ben if Mr Hancock has been paid for the notebooks he ordered

April Forum update

This was going to be on the topic of Sports provision – Clare has emailed Ms Edwards but not heard anything back.

Liz suggested that perhaps Mr Thomas could 'meet' parents at the forum and have pre-submitted questions

Action: Clare will ask Mr Thomas

Library donations

Librarians have replied and they would like book donations and have given suggestions – Catherine has drafted an email for parents.

Action: Clare will ask for email to be put out this week to coincide with World Book Day

Spring Concert – 22nd March

Ingrid – found it hard to progress a conversation with the school about this – she thinks that parents will be invited

Action: Ingrid will let Mr Dotteridge know FoHC willing to do refreshments but school need to let us know by end of week otherwise unlikely to be able to get volunteers

Action: Liz will apply for a TENS licence (could be joint with Quiz night licence)

Telegraph Hill Festival has been scaled down this year – perhaps we can get involved with it next year?

Uniform Sale

Karen – currently not enough uniform for a sale (18 Blazers). We can put another call-out for donations after Easter and build up stock. Uniformly has been used by a few parents. Cyril suggested we collect all the lost property towards the end of term, wash it and then sell it on .

Action: Karen will ask school about whether we can do this with lost property

Action: Liz to speak to Mr Rowling about Year 11s donating books and uniform

Appointing committee member

Cyril Wilens is happy to join on the FoHC committee

Nominated: Clare Sharpen

Seconded: Candy Schartz

AOB

Catherine raised that another parent had an interest in Science and whether there can be fundraising for more/better equipment? Parent is also keen to join the committee. Clare confirmed the parent can join the whatsapp group and be proposed at another meeting. We have allocated all funding for this year, but can get the ball rolling for next year and also pointed out that 11-20th March is British Science Week. Candy raised that Mary Williams had mentioned school buying new equipment following the refurbishments of the science labs

Action: Clare will contact Ms Vilas

Date of next committee meeting

Tuesday 26th April (hopefully in person)

Minutes agreed and signed by:

Clare Sharpen (Chair)		
John Benjamin Robb (Treasurer)		
Naomi Davis (Secretary)		