

Meeting Minutes
BESA FPTA
November 11, 2013

Present:

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Handan Muthis
Rahaf Kokash
Andrew Currey
Lynette Walsh
Elaine Passmoor
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Gene Rhodenizer
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Kenneth Page
James Bryant
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1. GUY FAWKES EVENT -FEEDBACK:

The event went very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
The profit from the event amounted to: TL8198
This makes the total FPTA funds: TL15,000+

What can FPTA purchase for the school?

Mr. Page suggested that, given the building is getting too tight and we can't build anymore on the property, we can put up a standalone structure in the woods. Something like a 10m diameter Turkish style tent/unit right behind the green pitch to be used for reading circles, golden time, etc.

Everyone thought it was a good idea. First we have to check with the new Ambassador who arrives in January-February.

Sema got a quote for TL11,000±
Extra funds can be used for heating or other improvements.

Comments:

A couple of improvements were suggested for future events:

1. A map or clearer signs to be used to indicate what's going on inside the different classrooms: many people didn't know about the Student Counsel activities in Y2 classroom, or even about the Nursery classroom games.
2. The DJ played some child inappropriate songs with bad swear words. Next time we should warn the DJ to use edited versions of similar songs.
3. Tombola was very popular and all the gifts were gone in the first 30 minutes. We should probably have more gifts next year.

2. CHRISTMAS PLANNING:

Gift giving:

We will organize a gift-giving project like last year. Each child will buy a gift and bring it to school to donate it to a child in need. The gifts will then be presented by a committee from BESA to a school with underprivileged kids.

Esra will contact the same school we donated to last year.

The budget for the gifts : 20-50TL

Class Reps should inform parents by December 6th that gifts should be at school by December 19th .

Father Christmas:

Santa will be coming to BESA and will give candy canes and “I Visited Santa” stickers to all students.

Who will be Santa this year? We should check if the school has someone in mind.

Class Parties:

Parties will take place on the last day of the term: December 20th in each class.

Class Reps should get in touch with their class teacher to coordinate their Christmas party. They should discuss what foods to bring, using class funds, and what time to be there.

Some Class Reps will be using some of their class funds to prepare goodie bags to give the kids at the party.

Minced Pies and Mulled Wine:

It has been a tradition to sell minced pies and mulled wine during school plays.

There won't be that many Christmas plays this year. EYFS will have a daytime play (usually starts at 9:00), during which we can sell minced pies and coffee. There will also be one evening play during which we can sell mulled wine with the minced pies.

Esra will get in touch with the British Women's Association to order minced pies.

Mulled wine to be purchased from Metro.

Decoration:

Eren, Esra and anyone who wants to help, will be putting up Christmas decorations on December 2nd right after drop-off. FPTA already has nice decorations.

Teacher's Gifts:

- Class Reps will be purchasing Christmas gift for class teachers. Some gift ideas from previous years: Christmas hampers with ham, cheese and wine; gift vouchers from M&S or Boyner; Swarovski necklaces; etc.
- FPTA will be purchasing gifts for all other staff members (administrative staff, caretakers, non-class teachers, etc.). Last year, wine and chocolate were

purchased for about 30 staff members. Eren and Esra will go to Metro for ideas. We should start looking for Christmas themed gift bags.

- FPTA will be ordering cakes and other food items for the teachers to enjoy during their after school party.

3. HOT DOG LUNCH EVENT:

- Our 2nd Hot Dog lunch will be on: Friday December 13, 2013
- The Rhodenizers kindly offered to buy the hot dogs from the commissary again but agreed to get reimbursed this time. They will confirm to Eren by December 2nd. Otherwise, we will be ordering from Cadgas. 330 hot dogs are required.
- Volunteers: Eren, Handan, Andrew, Gene, Lynnette and Rahaf
- Andrew and Gene will arrive by 10:30 to start cooking and the rest should be there by 11:00.
- A reminder to be sent to parents to send 1TL for non-uniform day, and to teachers to collect it from the kids.

4. TEACHER'S DAY:

Teacher's Day is on Sunday November 24th

Class Reps to offer flowers to all class teachers on Monday November 25th

It would be a good idea to encourage the kids to make cards for their teachers.

5. OTHER FPTA ISSUES:

- There is a suggestion to organize a tree-planting project in the spring. Interested families can purchase small trees (20TL) to plant in the woods around the property as many of the trees are old and dying. We should check with the new Ambassador before proceeding.
- Rahaf, Candace and Paula to start sourcing: Santa stickers, wine gift bags, and candy canes.
- Next meeting will take place on **December 9, 2013** followed by FPTA's Christmas celebration. Members to bring along drinks and snacks (wine, cheese, crackers, etc.)

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