

Events and Fundraising Parent Council

Minutes from meeting held on 13.11.19

Next meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

Attendees	Sharon Marianne Joseph Lia Liliana Amin Hashemi Ariadna Warner Nusra Bi Aminah McBain Ramzy El-Huraiby
Apologies	Louise Hall Salachana Dherani Gigi Ayalew John Alex Ssengendo Josephine James Parinyada Vatchararuangsr Maha Al-Jarrian Kiruba Dharshi Aysha Khatun Santiago Hernandez Alcaraz Lorraine Macedo Gursharan Kalsi Noura Mohamed
Introductions	<p>Each person attending introduced themselves, sharing what year group their children are in, and why they have signed up to be part of this committee.</p> <p>Explained the new structure for parent council and how it is an opportunity to start afresh now that we are a merged school.</p>

	<p>Introduced Louise Hall (in Louise's absence) as a KSA parent who has contributed an enormous amount in fundraising and events organisation.</p>
<p>Ideas</p>	<p>We discussed the different purposes of various events e.g. fun for the children, an opportunity to bring the community together, an educational opportunity to learn about a festival from a different religion, specifically for fundraising.</p> <p>Some ideas that we discussed:</p> <p>Community-focussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funfair</li> <li>• Halloween party</li> <li>• Valentines Party</li> <li>• Litter picking</li> <li>• Mother's Day</li> <li>• Father's Day</li> <li>• Collecting up and donating things for local charity</li> <li>• Linking with local regeneration projects</li> <li>• World teacher's day</li> <li>• Eid party</li> <li>• Christmas</li> <li>• Diwali</li> <li>• Chinese New Year</li> <li>• International day – bring in food and dress up</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising but with learning or community link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter and summer fairs</li> <li>• Children in need</li> <li>• World book day</li> <li>• Butterfly ball</li> <li>• Grenfell anniversary</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature-related activities</li> <li>• Grow £1</li> <li>• Breast cancer awareness (including that it affects men too)</li> <li>• Creating food boxes for local shelters</li> </ul> <p>We also discussed the following aspects of events and fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linking activities back into the curriculum</li> <li>• Raising money for a specific event or item e.g. to pay for a new set of goal posts</li> <li>• Teaching children about giving to the community</li> <li>• The merits of events being entirely secular vs celebrating and learning about different cultural and religious events</li> </ul>
<p>Parent chair</p>	<p>We would like one of the parents in the committee to be the parent-chair to work alongside Gabby as the school lead of the group. Please let Gabby know if you would like to take on this role by emailing <a href="mailto:g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org">g.woolf@kingsolomonacademy.org</a></p> <p>If there is more than one person interested, then we will have a process to decide who this person will be.</p>
<p>Coffee morning/committee meetings</p>	<p>When everyone submitted their interest to be part of the group, there was a place on the form to indicate the best time of day for the meetings. The result was the same time as coffee morning for most people, hence the choice to hold it at this time.</p> <p>KSA will make communication clearer to all parents that on days when committee meetings are being held, it's not a normal coffee morning. If parents want to join</p>

	<p>the meeting to offer their time and support to the committee for events and fundraising then they are more than welcome to join, but we will be clearer that it is not a normal coffee morning. Apologies that this has not been clearer so far.</p>
Primary parent reps	<p>There are reps for each class in N-6. These groups are a great way to share information and organise amongst class groups.</p>
KSA Parents willing to give time	<p>Gabby is going to email all parents in the school to ask parents to let me know whether they would be happy to be part of a volunteer list, so we have a go-to list of parents to call on to support with different events.</p>
Winter Fair	<p>3.45pm 6<sup>th</sup> December at Older Years Site Posters are up in and around school An email has now been sent to the whole school to advertise it. Gabby and Louise Hall are doing the school and parent-council organisation of the event, and several parents from the committee have offered their time to support with the set-up on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for this! We will contact you directly.</p>