MINUTES OF SOCA MEETING 28.9.23 6PM

INTRODUCTIONS — Welcome new members Vicky, Aman and Amanda — added to whatsapp group (and Michaela added after meeting too) — Paul , Joss and Richard also attended meeting.

APOLOGIES – Janet, Amber.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING / MATTERS ARISING – NFAR – This is first meeting of new school year so new start / new items only to discuss

TREASURERS REPORT - £2446.30 in account at the moment (£108 to debit in October for Parentkind annual fee). Richard to action – to check with sum up if we can link other people/phones to be able to use at events

SUMMARY OF SOCA/ONGOING WAYS TO FUNDRAISE/ HOW TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS

– Joss explained we have had a lot of members leave recently as their children have now left school so we are focussing on the younger years. Lovely to see 3 new members and another new lady joined after the meeting too. Joss will attend the new year 7 parent info evening on 10th October and talk in the theatre to promote SOCA again – hopefully we will get more new members. Joss explained we will promote easyfundraising over next few months (Christmas shopping etc) and we also will be organising the year 7 disco/ and providing refreshments for the Crawshaw talent contest – see next items.

Paul actions;

- ** Once a month to ask Robin to put the easyfundraising link on parent briefing (I have asked him for this week)
- **To arrange for the easyfundraising link to pop up on the website occasionally
- **To see if we can have a SOCA button on parentpay just to encourage parents to round up a few pence when adding items for their children

EASYFUNDRAISING

Joss confirmed £3540 raised to date Joss to promote to new parents at the year 7 parent info evening on 10th October- we really need to push this on run up to Christmas

YEAR 7 DISCO

To be held Wednesday 25th October 5.30 to 7

Dee Swales is helping Joss to organise. Joss to speak to Dee to ask for letter to go out to parents - £3 ticket per person and to suggest a small amount of money (maybe £5 max) to purchase sweets/ drinks/ Halloween items on the night.

Joss to order Halloween glow items to sell

Joss / Janet to buy sweets/ drinks / choc/ crisps nearer the date and price up

Joss to ask school council to help dress up the theatre on the day (we already have some decorations from previous events).

Joss / Dee to ask for staff (approx. 12 – including one SLT) to supervise on the night and Aman and Vicky offered to help on the night too with tuck shop – Joss to ask for any other volunteers too.

CRAWSHAW'S GOT TALENT CONTEST

To be held Thursday 26th October

SOCA to provide refreshments/ tuck shop

Joss/ Janet to shop for sweets/ crisps/ choc/ pop etc – at same time as shopping for disco items

GRANT TO APPLY FOR – for strategy club items

Joss to discuss with Tim Toepritz and arrange to submit application by end October to Borough of Pudsey Charity for this

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM SCHOOL;

- £50 for stationary to be given to kids who are without agreed
- New signage for SOCA agreed Joss to look into options as teardrop sign expensive
- £50 for book for Learning support centre 'talkabout for teenagers' agreed as good ongoing resource for future

MEETING CLOSED AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED ON OUR WHATSAPP GROUP FOR NEXT HALF TERM – THIS IS SO WE CAN AGREE A DATE THAT IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE / NEW MEMBERS TOO.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR LOVELY NEW LADIES TOO (**)