

AFS MINUTES

01/07/09

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<p>Previous minutes</p>	<p>Remove 'subject to change' from previous minutes</p>
<p>Headmaster's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blast films – will be filming in school on induction day and during September. They are following the admissions 'story' of a Year 7 boy. The programme will be shown in September when completed. • Change of Government – 25% cuts in budget will no doubt affect school in some way. KECHB has 3 specialisms (schools normally only have one). The specialisms may be withdrawn which will impact upon 3 teacher's salaries. Academies are being promoted by the Government to give more freedom within their own 'management'. Academy Trust status would mean £300,000 funding for school. This would be awarded in January 2011 at the earliest. • KEVI Sheldon Academy opens shortly to cover the eastern area of Birmingham. It has been built without any Government funding. • School improvements would continue as part of the Academy status. There is already a ten year link with Wheeler's Lane. Both Schools work in partnership, supporting each other to progress. • Threats to selective status – no political party is 'pro-selection' but the current situation is looking difficult and may have an impact • External Education and Support services may charge for their involvement with pupils depending upon funding and financial issues. • Discussed the impact of Academy Status upon school • Practical Food Building – Previous Government gave monies to both Boys and Girls schools to fund the building for specific curriculum needs. The new Government have 'freed' the curriculum and school therefore does not have to follow the previous plans and offer specific subjects. Discussed other possibilities for use of the building. • Library – building work (including previous issues with windows and floor) is due to start within two weeks • Tennis courts – due to be refitted / refurbished • Multimedia – will be overhauled soon

Headmaster's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior maths – London finals – came 3rd (out of 80). The team won the southern event • Lower School Presentation evening – invites to the AFS are due to go out today (as well as other parents) It will take place on 19th July at 7pm. Certificates will be awarded for academic ability, progress and contribution to school. Various other certificates and presentations will also take place.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Accounts - £7000 in Savings and £3000 in Current account. There have not been any recent events to report back upon Regular payments from parents keep the monies growing slowly. Gill Davies will be contacted regarding the '100 Club'.</p>
Constitution	<p>Draft copy has been drawn up which will be presented at an extraordinary meeting to be held in September. The proposed changes were discussed including – President, more voted members, assistants to roles. School Pupil representative was discussed. The new proposals include a meeting of the voted members to be held a week before the larger whole AFS meeting. Discussed why more parents didn't take an active role in the AFS. The new Constitution will fall in line with the new Charities Acts and the AFS will become 'legal'. The elected members will become 'Trustees' registered with the Charities Agency. The AFS wider body will the not be legally liable. Discussed various ideas for future events and raising monies. Discussed membership of AFS in past and monies raised 'pre-ties' Discussed AGM vs Committee meetings vs wider AFS meetings. Payment for AFS was discussed and ParentPay will be discussed in school as well as possibilities for next year's AFS subscription to be looked into.</p>
Events update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Parents Evening – Current members to arrive by 6.30pm to help prepare and refreshments to be served at approx 8pm after the presentation including a speech to be made by a current member of the AFS. • Easy Fundraising - £174 to date has been raised. Discussed ways of raising further Monies. Information may be sent as part of school newsletter • Gardener's Weekend – 4th & 5th September. Letter has been sent from school re funds as the fees charged for the use of school grounds have not increased over the last 8 years. • Sports Day – volunteers gave their names to assist on the day. • Newsletter – a draft copy was passed round and comments were made by those present – liked the format of one page, short articles and essential information.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to support bids towards the school allotment • Robert Smith has requested support towards a course in Cambridge. £100 was agreed in contribution. • Ankit Bhatt has requested support towards a Drama course. £100 was agreed in contribution. • Further bids and requests for monies were discussed and in the future these may be for e-book Chronicle, Cameras and Lectern • School open days are 9th & 10th September
<p>Next AFS meeting Tuesday 7th September Extraordinary Meeting re Constitution 7pm AFS Meeting 7.30pm</p>	