Second Hand Text Book Sale

The text book sale was held on the 2nd December 2014. Approximately 120 books changed hands with $480 of uncollected funds going to the P&F. This has been banked into the P&F Account this week.

The price rise to $20 seemed to be acceptable and the majority of books were in good condition.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, in particular to Sue Wright.

The following people assisted over the two days;

Sophie Blyde, Sarah Passey, Jo Cheney, Siobhain Smith, Penny Wald, Kris Battye, Jo Robson, Julie Elliott, Nicci Kennett, Jean Welsh, Jenny Goodsell, Michelle (Vazouras) Davis, Jenny Yeo.

It was particularly useful to have some experienced hands.

Georgie Hinrichsen provided us with invaluable assistance and thank you to the school for providing refreshments to the volunteers

Issue Arising

Confirmation of relevant books was difficult to obtain – this could be solved by appointing someone within the school to provide the P&F with the list.

Curriculum changes meant there were fewer books relevant to the sale.

Website was difficult for people to navigate.

Cambridge cut off date for book ordering was prior to the book sale.

Selling Yr 12 books is not particularly productive as the Yr 11s required their books at the beginning of Term 4.

Boarders and other students would like an alternative avenue to sell their books as the timing doesn’t necessarily suit. Logistically we weren’t able to provide flexibility of drop off.

Further Investigation

I wish to pursue a database model to match buyers with sellers. Once the Fair is over I will meet with Georgie Hinrichsen and see if we can develop a model. It would create efficiencies, provide more flexibility for buying and selling and should assist with the timing of the sales.

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