



Minutes for Open House Meeting 9th November 2020

Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Natalie Hombrado; Natalie Law; Kate Wheatley; Katie Brown; Richard Bridgewater; Paula Rimmer; Val Tuck; Steph Moth; Dan Higgs; Lisa Hayward-Higgs.

Apologies: Lucy Hailwood; Katie Watton.

1. Money spent this year and current account balances.

ITEM PAID FOR	AMOUNT SPENT
Outdoor music cabin	£3860.00
Maths resources – numicon sets and place value counters	£1517.56
Visualisers for all classrooms	£799.84
Hand held sensor for Science	£102.33
Full size skeleton	£123.99
Contribution to upgrading classroom computers	£2640.00
Covered outdoor learning/play area for Reception	£6025.00
TOTAL SPEND	£15068.72

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
FOF current account	£4030.72
FOF savings account	£13035.46
Petty Cash	£174.81
TOTAL	£17240.99

EVENT	AMOUNT RAISED
Valentines Disco	£388.75
Name The Skeleton Competition/Non-Uniform Day	£229.82
Art Projects For Schools - Christmas Cards	£137.00
TOTAL	£755.57

Mrs Rimmer thanked FOF for the Reception outdoor covered learning/play area. She said it's amazing and the children get a lot of use out of it and really enjoy being able to utilise it regardless of the weather.

2. Sensory Garden - Grants received and Tesco Bags of Help

The sensory garden plan was designed by Discovery Play in October 2018 at a cost of £27000.00. FOF have applied for numerous grants to fund this project, many of which have been unsuccessful.

FOF account balances include £250 from Cainscross Parish Council and £212 from Waitrose Community Matters, which are to go towards the sensory garden. Andrews Estate Agents have previously offered £50 towards the project, they will provide the funds when needed.

Tesco Bags of Help have offered us a grant of £1166. We have not yet accepted this as we have not been in a position to proceed and the project must be underway within 12 months of the grant being offered, which was March 2020.

Mr Bridgewater suggested that the area around the music cabin needs some attention. Perhaps we could update this area with some new planters and include some sensory elements to fulfil the original proposal.

3. Teachers Wish List

- Reading books for Year 3 – in the region of £1500
- Mud Garden - £500
- Mrs Tuck would like a wall to be built to enclose her classroom – quotes still need to be obtained

There are in fact three open plan classrooms which ideally require walls and doors to enclose them. This would improve the learning environment in these classrooms, more so now than ever, due to staggered break times etc creating more traffic along the corridors.

Quotes need to be obtained – we need to confirm whether the work has to be completed by a Gloucestershire County Council approved business. If not, we should put a call out to see if we have any parents who are builders who may be able to help. When getting quotes we need to look at quoting per classroom so we can complete this in stages as this will be a substantial spend.

4. Little Foxes and the constitution

As Little Foxes is now Governor led along with the school, we have been asked if we can help them with fundraising.

FOFs charity objects, as per our constitution are as follows:

- A) enhance and advance the educational environment of the pupils of Foxmoor Primary School;
- B) foster relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school (including the local community);
- C) raise funds to enrich the opportunities for the children by organising fundraising, social and educational activities.

As the children attending Little Foxes are not considered to be pupils of Foxmoor Primary School as it stands, we cannot support or extend resource that would benefit Little Foxes.

To move forward there are two options:

- 1) alter the objects of the charity to include Little Foxes;
- 2) foster a relationship with Little Foxes whereby we can jointly raise funds, being clear with audiences that funds raised from specific events would both benefit Foxmoor School and Little Foxes.

Of the 37 children reception class intake, approximately 30 of those will be from Little Foxes. Mr Bridgewater and Mrs Rimmer really want to offer a high-quality provision from Little Foxes, building a great foundation and enabling a smoother transition into reception.

It was thought that option one would be the better option. This will require a consultation/vote with all FOF members e.g., parents/guardians. Natalie Hombrado is to consult with Kevin Ward to alter the FOF charity objects, ensure that the correct procedure is followed and that we comply with the Charity Commission regulations.

Mrs Rimmer is going to be sending a letter out to businesses asking for help with the Little Foxes garden crowd funding. Katie Brown is to share a list of businesses we usually approach for raffle prizes.

5. Future Fundraising Events

It is agreed that fundraising is a tricky subject in the current climate. We are unable to do many of our usual events and understand that some families may be finding things particularly tough. Four members of FOF are able to apply for matched giving through their employers (up to £2000 in total) so we really want to do some fundraising so we can take advantage of these extra funds.

Agreed events:

- **Sponsored Chase Santa** - Mrs Tuck suggested getting the children to be sponsored per lap of the school track. Look into Gift Aid so we can maximise on sponsorship money.
- **School lottery** - Katie Brown to look into www.gloucesterlottery.co.uk
- **Coin Wars** - Get each class to fill empty bottles with coins and compete to see which class can get the most. Katie Brown to contact Confection Affection re empty jars
- **Raffle** – Katie Brown to contact Connexus and Jodi Burns re raffle prize. Natalie Law to contact council re licence.

6. FOF Committee Vacancies

Natalie Law will be stepping down as Treasurer at the AGM in January so we need to get the word out.

7. Any Other Business

It was suggested that we do another Foodbank drive to support the local community in these difficult times. We thought this would be best in the New Year as the school has recently done one to coincide with Harvest Festival.

Mr Bridgewater asked Natalie Law to let him know what FOF have funded and he will give us a write up in the headteachers newsletter.

It was suggested that we have a non-uniform day and the children bring in a chocolate donation which can be put towards a chocolate hamper(s) for the raffle.

We should put together a poster detailing all our planned fundraising and that these are in lieu of the Xmas Bazaar.

8. Booking of AGM date

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th January at 7pm, most likely through Microsoft Teams.

Thank you to all those that joined our first ever virtual FOF meeting!

Apologies to those that had trouble joining.

