



Minutes of zoom FOSLS committee meeting January 18th 2022

All welcomed to the meeting.

Present

Jayne Krol, Kiki Ball, Carol Kerr, Emily Pope, Karoline Brennan, Cherrie Edger, Alison Dwan, Esrin Graham, Alex Witterick.

Apologies

Helen Hopkin , Tanya Wright, Emily Gerrard, Sarah Roberts.

1. Tanya sent a record of accounts. It has been an amazing term for fundraising with £7066.87 raised mainly due to Christmas events. Forty eight Chrome books and licenses were purchased for school at a cost of £7,800. It was requested that an acknowledgement be made in the school newsletter by Mrs. Cowey, celebrating the impact that it was for the children and so that parents are kept abreast of how money is spent for their children. Cherrie told us how she had witnessed the children using the chrome books learning about Internet safety.
2. Jayne expressed her thanks for the huge effort made by a very small team of people in making the Christmas events such a success but suggested that in future years it should be scaled down to a Christmas Fun day held in school for the children and teachers , with as much as possible done online beforehand.

She asked if it would be possible for a whole school day be given over to fun, combining class parties and incorporating all the fun elements of the fair, with a flat fee charged for the whole day. In this way it would not be overwhelming for parents at a very busy time of year! ! Alison and Cherrie to discuss this with Mrs Cowey and team. It was also made very clear that no child would be excluded from the celebrations. However the Secret Room would remain separate and as last year, the cost would be managed online. Cherrie suggested it be similar to the Children in Need annual event with a minimum donation but voluntary donations gratefully accepted. It was also noted that Fosls members wear Christmas fancy dress!

Cherrie , on behalf of Mrs Cowey, thanked the committee for their continued hard work and especially for the recent Christmas events.

Requests from school for future funding

We await Mrs Harper's costs for musical instruments and Year 1 staff have asked if they can submit their request nearer to June/July after an assessment of need.

Following the storm in November, the ROLA has now become a school priority for repair and replacement as insurance does not cover the whole cost.

Crowdfunding, our fundraising- donation page called Rocket Fund which is due to go live on February 1st, for eight weeks only, can only be used for one thing per academic year and whilst it was hoped to use this for repair of the music room, the ROLA must take priority. Kiki explained the importance of community involvement where crowdfunding is involved. Emily advised that we keep the focus on the importance of learning and guided play which incorporates a healthy lifestyle. Jayne and Kiki to work on a preview for the poster and Cherrie will send photos from school whilst Esrin agreed to help with the artwork. This will be Fosl's main campaign for this term.

Library project

Following analysis, review and a change within school regarding reading and books in use there will in future be just one library across the whole school. This is a major project which obviously will require funding and we await the final agreed plan of action from school.

Stationery. Packs. Mrs Cowey asked if these could be available throughout the school year and could include a White board pen (but not Black)? Jayne to arrange.

Class photos. Unfortunately due to time constraints, Mr. Edger will not be available to do them this year. Liz to organise via an outside company.

Fun events for this year

We are planning a number of events this year to put a smile on the faces of our children.

Animal Themed Mufti Day - Friday 4/2/22. Children can come to school wearing animal costumes, onesies, patterned clothing, accessories. £1 donation to FOSLs.

Easter Treats. Given the success of last half term sweet treat packs it was agreed to do them again for the Easter half term. On sale from March 1st. Jayne and Alex coordinating.

World Book Day - Thursday 3/3/22. Story time after school, between 6-7 pm when children can dress in pyjamas and have milk and cookies with a number of stories read to them. £3 donation to FOSLs. We are also hoping to have a Book donation and sale event. TBC

Summer Disco - date in June TBC

Jubilee Day Themed Mufti - Friday June 10th. Children and staff can wear Red, White and Blue clothing or dress as royalty. No charge.

Any other business.

Carol made a plea for new members willing to invest their time and enthusiasm in FOSLs. We can also add it in the newsletter.

Parents' Evenings . Scholastic to be invited to attend.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 28th April (Face to face if possible) . Zoom or venue TBC.