

MINUTES FROM FRIENDS OF CHITTLEHAMPTON SCHOOL AGM 2017

MONDAY 24th April, 2017

Venue: Chittlehampton School, 3.30pm

Present: Amanda Rowe, Sharon Jones, Leonie Millichope, Amy Latham, Dani White, Jackie Lethaby, Charlotte Janisch, Laury Hancock, Rebecca Mac-Mills, Rebecca Brewer, Maria Hince, Sarah Slow, Karen Luscombe, Wendy Evans.

Chair's Report: Amanda shared a report on the main activities undertaken by FOCS during the 2016/2017 financial year. Key fundraising events included the Christmas hamper raffle and two pub quizzes. Key expenditure items included:

- A range of software products for use in class;
- Funding for transport for school trips to Westward Ho! and Rosemoor;
- Funding a Christmas pantomime by Entertainingly Different; and
- New playground furniture and equipment.

Amanda also shared a letter of thanks from Year 6 to FOCS for all their efforts and suggested this be used to publicise how funds have been spent during the year, and to convey our thanks to the parent community.

Financial report: Sharon shared a report on the FOCS finances detailing income and expenditure from April 2016 to end March 2017. The current FOCS balance stands at £1,327.61.

A further withdrawal of £25 has been agreed to fund a Google Play card for school. The proceeds of the Easter Raffle (£64) will also shortly be added into the account.

Election of the new 2017/2018 committee: the outgoing committee were thanked for their hard work over the previous year. Mrs Evans thanked Amanda for her excellent work in chairing the FOCS so well and for so long. The new committee members were elected as follows:

Chairperson: **Charlotte Janisch**, proposed by Amanda Rowe and seconded by Wendy Evans.

Vice-Chair: **Rebecca Brewer**, proposed by Dani White and seconded by Leonie Millichope.

Treasurer: **Amanda Rowe**, proposed by Dani White and seconded by Leonie Millichope.

Secretary: **Leonie Millichope**, proposed by Amanada Rowe and seconded by Amy Latham.

Matters arising

- Mrs Evans reported that the school will be holding an open meeting on 4th May inviting parents to suggest ways to improve the school. This may well generate new ideas and projects for FOCS to support in the coming months.
- Parents at the meeting expressed the view that they would like to see FOCS fundraising and expenditure focussing on fun, creative, arts, sports and leisure events for the children which are additional to the day-to-day curriculum and educational activities which must be undertaken by the school.
- Wooden gazebo: Mrs Evans reiterated that they are keen to develop the outside space at school to incorporate an outside learning space and 'forest school' type activities. She noted that a member of staff at Filleigh School is currently undergoing training in Forest School teaching. However, space is an issue. With this in mind, FOCS agreed to renew discussions with the Chittlehampton Cricket Club who own the adjoining field (known as the Pony Paddock) to investigate opportunities to gain access to more space. Rebecca Mac-Mills and Leonie Millichope agreed to pursue this. In the meantime, FOCS agreed to see what support they can offer to improve the existing outside space and maximise its potential.
- Minibus: the viability of a minibus was also discussed and particularly the idea of a shared vehicle with Filleigh School. No further actions were agreed at this point.

Funding requests from school: Mrs Evans updated FOCS on a number of new initiatives which the school would like FOCS to consider funding. These include:

1. Mrs Evans reported that the school would like to purchase sturdy rubber covers for the 6 new school tablets. The school will source these and request funds from FOCS. The committee agreed to fund these.
2. Mrs Evans reported that Mr Parsons is hoping to organise a summer day trip for Taw Class to visit Exmoor Zoo. Help with transport costs was requested (this usually costs around £125).
3. A trip is also planned for Torridge Class to attend the 'Mix on the Move' music festival in Barnstaple. Taw may also attend, this is still to be confirmed. Again support with transport costs was requested.
4. Mrs Evans also asked whether FOCS would be providing refreshments at the school Sports Day. FOCS need to agree what will be provided at their next meeting.

Future fundraising events: Two options for summer term fundraisers were discussed, namely either a family sports afternoon (at the village hall/football pitch), or a sponsored walk. We pencilled in Thursday 20th July (the day before the end of the summer term) for this event. Details to be agreed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Afternoon Tea - 2pm, Thursday 18th May: all are welcome to this social get-together in which the children will participate (possibly with readings or songs, depending on the appropriate work they have currently in progress). This will be held in Mole classroom. FOCS will organise tea/coffee and cakes. The FOCS meeting will follow the performance.