

FOTS Meeting: March 12th 2024

Location: Thornden School Conference Room

Time: 19:30

Attendees:

Chair- Polly Gleeson
Lou Peaston (Teacher Representative)
David Holdsworth
Windell Callaghan
Simon Burns
Nic Lansdowne
Catherine Stehou
Delia Yang
Rachael Beesley
Kelly Gregory

Apologies:

Jess L
Andrea B

Agenda Items:

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted, along with documents from November's AGM

2. Bids

Total in Accounts: £11,000

1. Medical Room

Request approved for tights and sundries- request approved £65

2. Science

Request approved for purchase of ducklings and help with upkeep of tortoise; £500

3. Dance

Request approved for boys workshop and subsequent after-school training and performance £500

4. Year 9 "Belong" Event

Request approved for help to hire equipment etc. £300

5. World Book Day

Request approved for "Read Know grow" for prizes to give out £150

6. P.E. Dept

Request for replacement of 2nd trampoline- **£5130 pending approval**

There was some discussion about the number of pupils with access and that this was low. Currently only yr7 has access to the trampolining club.

Action: Mr Hall to request costs for used equipment purchase potentially from Wildern School.

7. Pastoral Care

Request approved for funding for bereavement support group £150

8. Year 8

Request approved for litter picking equipment £100

9. Geography

Request approved for 3x30 mini whiteboards £164.34

10. DofE

Request approved for two tents and sleeping mats £405

11. Year 8 “Belong” Event

Request approved. This request for generated a discussion and it was decided that any year groups requesting assistance would be granted an amount matching that granted to the Year 9 request above. £300

12. School Production: ‘Annie’

Request pending for help was acknowledged and supported, £400.

3. AOB

- Catherine suggested that we could create QR codes for people to donate.

Action: Catherine to report back next meeting

- Catherine also suggested that we create online forms for the regular donations in addition to the current simple ‘paper’ version.

Action: Polly to send updated forms to Catherine to report back next meeting.

- It was unanimously agreed to appoint two new treasurers, Simon Burns and Windell Callaghan, who were introduced and welcomed. David H will organise handover and arrange the bank account signatories etc.

Action: David H to organise the handover process.

- New Parents Meeting

This event is for the September 2024 Yr7 intake. It takes place on June 18th at 18:00. The event runs until 20:00. FOTS will be selling uniform and refreshments. Our room is booked from 4pm to set up. We need to muster as many helpers as possible to pull this together and man the pumps on the day.

Action: All to note in the diary.

4. Next Meeting

Date TBC, mid-late June.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15pm