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# Friends of Dringhouses School

## Autumn Term 1 Meeting - Minutes

Thursday 29 September 2022, 7:30pm

### 1. Attendees

- Chia Suan Chong (Chair)
- Katie Hobson
- Jen Goforth
- Rachel Stevens (Minutes)
- Tae Jung Hwang
- Carly Fewz
- Catherine Clark
- Colin Reid
- Alex Flede
- Tomasz Wolznafar
- Tom Garrman
- Ellie Cawdell
- Lill Chambers
- Juliana Berriman
- Laura Cunningham
- Susan Rundle
- Kate Clough
- Kate Newman
- Sally Evans
- Will Hayler
- Suzanne Barber
- Jenny Cairns
- Hannah McGinn
- Claire Wilbor

### 2. Apologies

- Jenny Buckland (Secretary)
- Allyson Lister
- Helen Floyd
- Ben Sutton
- Lizi Backhouse
- Carissa Davies

3. [Minutes](#) of Last Meeting were approved

4. Welcome to the new school year! (Chia Suan Chong)

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- Chia welcomed everyone and introduced the FODS committee members.
- 5. Brief Financial Report (Jen Goforth)
  - Jen was pleased to report that the accounts are looking very healthy.
- 6. Project Updates
  - Summer fair (report) (Lauren Watson)
    - The total profit from the fair was a huge £914.
    - Everyone is invited to add their feedback on the fair to the jamboard (a snazzy way of gathering people's views and ideas) which is available here:  
[https://jamboard.google.com/d/1I74EQB2DihxSi7JAbbGQI\\_QInmzddv5YpLj\\_PW0CabY/viewer?f=0](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1I74EQB2DihxSi7JAbbGQI_QInmzddv5YpLj_PW0CabY/viewer?f=0)
  - OPAL playground scheme (Ben Sutton)
    - The first meeting has been arranged for the start of November where an audit of our current provision will take place, and then a follow up meeting to decide actions moving forward into the project.
    - A working party has been arranged involving members of the existing lunchtime coordination team, the business manager, the head, and potentially a play 'governor'. There will be 8 meetings over 18 months, and we have to commit to everyone being able to attend to ensure that the project moves forward.
  - Sensory garden (Mrs Murray)
    - We have £500 of school funds raised by the school council for the project.
    - Carly Fewz has kindly offered to put a funds bid into Aviva. I have shown Carly the proposed site at the front of school.
    - The school council will make this their main project this year. School council will have their first meeting in October to start planning the project.
    - Any ideas and funds are gratefully accepted. When we have a plan I will present it to FODs.
  - Library books (Lizi Backhouse)
    - Last year, FODS agreed to fund £1000 worth of books from the school's wishlist. We decided that we would like a local business to benefit from this purchase. Before summer, 15 were orders from 'Books for Bugs' an independent online store and Lizi then liaised with the Blue House Bookshop to get as many off the list more as we

could. Last week, 131 new books were delivered and are ready to be used in classes. There are 4 left outstanding to be delivered.

○ Biscuits for new starters (Allyson)

- The gingerbread men were baked by Katie Hobson, Lillian Chambers and Allyson Lister. They all looked superb and the reception children seemed to enjoy them on their first days at school. Thanks to everyone who helped, and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Bags2School (4 November and 21 April) (Sally Evans)

- The Bags2School collection raised over £100 last year. Sally worked in conjunction with the school Eco Warriors group. We will do further collections as it is a good fundraiser and good for the environment.
- Ben Sutton has said that, for future collections, we can start leaving items in bike shed earlier in the week. Last year the rate was 50p per kilo of clothes. The collections planned on 4 November and 21 April will earn a higher rate per kilo because we booked two collections at the same time.

○ Secret Shopping (week of 5 December) (Sally Evans)

- Will be £4 per present. Aiming for £1 profit per present. If anyone sees other presents (especially for men) please let Sally know!
- Will be first or second week of December. Letters will be out after Oct half term.

○ Christmas cards (Kate Hobson)

- Plea for someone else to shadow Katie this year so that they can take it on when her last child leaves school.
- We make lots of money on this event.
- We get lots more funding per item if the cards are bought earlier (before the October half term).
- Clare Clarke to chase up cards being drawn, and will publish a Facebook post to tell parents to get their orders in as early as possible.

○ Christmas Fair (Rachel Stevens)

- Agreed a date: Afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.
- Had a very positive meeting with Ben Sutton to agree the aim of the fair and which rooms etc we can use. Clare Clarke to be staff liaison.
- Aim: to be an afternoon of festive fun to build community and to raise money for the school.

- Set up Planning Team – first meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Help needed please!
  - Extra people on the team (even just for ideas/feedback via the WhatsApp group)
  - Ask around friends and contacts to see if people would like to have a stall at the fair
  - Please save the date – either to help out on the day or to come and enjoy the event with your family (or both!)
  - Likes/comments etc on Facebook please!

#### 7. Looking ahead: FODS events and funding priorities this year

- Halloween Bake Sale (do it on the Friday before half term holiday). Carissa Davies to co-ordinate.
- Charity Auction in spring – a big fundraising push. Parents to offer their services e.g. hair cuts, tree surgery etc. We can also approach local businesses. Will Hayler volunteered to organise the event as he has had experience of running one at Scarcroft School.
- Early Years and KS1 disco (potentially in February). Laura Cunningham to organise, with Rachel Stevens to help.
- KS2 disco – (potentially in February). Ellie Cawdell to organise.


#### 8. Requests for funding

- Helen Floyd submitted a proposal requesting £1000 to go towards purchasing 45 copies of each core reading text so that every child will have access to one in class. Currently there is only one copy per class so texts have to be photocopied or displayed on the interactive whiteboard. Further funds for the books would come from the school budget and possibly bake sales. It would amount to 1080 books across two years for the KS2 books, and the project may be expanded in the future to include EYFS/KS1 core texts too.
- The proposal was discussed. The proposal was generally viewed positively, but it was agreed that further details were needed before the request was approved. Specifically: Does every child need their own copy of the text, or could they share one between two? How long will the books be used for (i.e. when is the curriculum due to change?)

#### 9. Survey of parents (Kate to provide an update)

- This item was postponed until next meeting.

#### 10. Any Other Business

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- Carly Fewz – Some companies (such as Aviva) offer volunteering days, or have funds which charities can bid for. If your work offers this, please let Carly know.
  - The Eco Warriors collect pens, dental products, printer cartridges for recycling. Chia will arrange for school to send an email out to remind parents and possibly occasionally arrange collections in person at school gate.
  - Mrs Clarke – Request for funding. £500 to pay for everyone in Years 5 and 6 to see the Nut Cracker ballet at the cinema. This would be every other year, so that all children would see it. Request was voted on and approved.
  - Last term, FODS agreed for each class to be given £100 to be spent as they wished. Some classes have spent their £100. Clare Clarke to follow up with the staff and find out what they have spent/will spend their money on.