



FOES Meeting
at Easingwold School, Wednesday 16th May 2018

Minutes

Present Fiona Skelton (FS, Chair), Lorna Wood (LW, Treasurer), Rachel Richardson (RR, Secretary), Laura Eddery (LE, Principal), Vivienne Cooper (VC), Jackie Coultous (JC).

Meeting commenced 6.30pm

1	Welcome and members present	Action
	FS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Congratulations were given to LE on her pregnancy. LE noted that she would be on maternity leave from August 2018 until May 2019.	
2	Apologies for absence Elaine Walker, Rachel Ainger, Gill Burn, Christine Cookman	
3	Approval of minutes of last meeting (17th January 2018) The minutes were approved.	
4	Matters arising LE was still to complete the paperwork to enable her to be a signatory for the Bicentenary fund. LE's maternity leave will not cause a problem in terms of available signatories, as FS and LW will still be able to sign as necessary.	LE
5	Financial report (see attached) General fund: £1,628.88 Bicentenary fund: £12,024.67	
	LW reported that she had received an invoice from the PE Department for the football coaching sessions that FOES had agreed to fund. This was for £175, rather than the £350 originally requested, as a discount had been obtained. There had been just one outgoing, which was for £25 to pay for prizes for the House Music and Drama performance. Easy Fundraising had raised £78.07. LW reported that the value of the capital in the Bicentenary Fund was £158,736. Our aim is to generate around £5,000 in income per year from the Bicentenary Fund and this was being achieved. It was agreed that the current fund managers, Brewin Dolphin, were doing a good job and LW reported that they were very responsive to queries.	
	The possibility of selling second hand uniform as a way of raising funds was discussed. This could be done via a Facebook page. LE agreed to check whether it would be acceptable to raise money from any uniform donated back to the school.	LE
	FS noted that plans for the Year 10 students to attend 'Romeo and Juliet' at the pop-up Globe Theatre in York were progressing well. Students would all be seated and the tickets would be around £10 per student.	
	The family quiz night was now booked for 26 th September at the Jaipur Spice.	
	FS reported that she had completed an application to the Co-op Community Fund in March,	

but that we would not hear whether it has been successful or not until November 2018.

6 Fundraising requests/suggestions

LE noted that Outwood Grange Academies Trust were not happy with the process of individual departments bidding for funds from FOES. They would prefer a system whereby FOES gave a fixed amount to the school each year (for example, £5,000) and the school decided how this would be spent. The money would only be spent on the types of things that FOES would normally fund and the school would be accountable to FOES for how it was spent.

Reservations were expressed and it was agreed that this needed further consideration. It was agreed that FS, LW and RR would meet to discuss this and respond to LE.

FS, LW, RR

Several parents had made suggestions for how FOES should allocate money in the future. The possibility of supporting future exchange trips was discussed but LE reported that such trips would not be organised in the future due to safeguarding concerns. She reported that the normal school trips including Poland and Ypres would still go ahead and would be funded in the normal way. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme would also continue.

LE agreed to ask the school council for any requests for funds that they might make.

LE

Any trips that might be funded by FOES would have to have an educational purpose if they were to take place in school time.

The possibility of providing funding to support the Year 8 graduation ceremonies was discussed.

7 Possible change of name.

LE reported that Outwood Grange Academies Trust is not keen on the acronym 'FOES' with its connotations of a hostile force. Discussions took place around the issue. It was agreed that the name still had a powerful resonance in the wider community, but that the change of school leadership might be an opportunity to rebrand the group. LE offered the support of the Outwood in-house designer to design new logos etc. It was agreed that FS, LW and RR would meet to discuss this and respond to LE.

FS, LW, RR

8 Future Fundraising/Events

LE agreed to find out what the date of the Summer Concert was and report back. An Outwood Family of Schools Concert was planned for 4th July and the Outwood Games would be held in Leeds on 3rd July. Year 8 graduation was planned for 2nd July. There would be a Year 6 transition event on the 5th July and it was agreed that FOES would be present at this to raise awareness of FOES amongst new parents.

LE

The Family Quiz Night had been booked at the Jaipur Spice for 26th September. LW reported that there were 108 covers available and that the restaurant would charge £8.95 for under 13s and £11.95 for adults. This would include poppadums, starters and main courses. It was agreed to charge £55 for a table of 4 people. This would not result in a large profit, but would hopefully generate interest and result in a well-attended and sociable evening. A raffle and silent auction would also be held.

A quiz master/mistress would be needed. Payments could be made via ParentPay. Links would be put on Facebook and a poster design was also chosen.

9 Boosting support

LE agreed to speak to the school website designer so that a link to FOES could be added. It was noted that the FOES website and Facebook group were now up and running.

LE

10 Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

11 Any other business

There was no other business

12 Date and time of next meeting

The AGM will be held on 10th October 2018. There will be a meeting to plan the quiz night on 19th June at LW's house.

The meeting closed at 8pm.