



Bi-Centenary Trust Fund Meeting
at Easingwold School, Wednesday 27th April 2016

Minutes

Present Susan Deery (SD, Chair), Lorna Wood (LW, Treasurer), Fiona Skelton (FS, Secretary), Emma Robins (ER), Gill Burn (GB)

Meeting commenced 6.30 pm

Action

1 Apologies

Vivienne Cooper (VC), Rachel Ainger (RA), Elaine Walker (EW), Amy Howland (AH), Heidi Jolly (HJ), Phil Benaiges (PB)

2 Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting, on 13th January 2016, were approved.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

We still have not heard back about the outstanding bid for computers for the Music/Drama Dept, for £1000, which was 'on hold', as well as the payment request and invoice for £430 for the Language Dept Refurbishment.

ER to follow up with JB.

Since the last meeting, it has been established that FOES are members of PTA UK. LW has updated all contact details and online log in details so that we can take advantage of the many resources they offer. Our membership includes £10,000,000 public liability insurance.

4 Financial Report

The current balance for the Bi-Centenary account is £8,380.34.

LW has registered for online banking for this account as statements are only sent quarterly.

5 Funding Requests

Funding requests attached.

Humanities Dept – Request received for two high definition document cameras at a cost of **£170**, and three Flow Meters for the Geography Dept at a cost of **£600** – it was agreed to pay the total of **£770** from the Bi-Centenary Fund.

Youthy – Request received for funds (**£230** in total) to buy healthy snacks for a Y11 event, and breakfast provisions (offered to all students every morning before school) – it was agreed to contribute **£500** from the FOES account, an additional £270 to that requested, in recognition of valuable existing activities and for the possibility of extending some of these.

Examinations Officer – Request received for 4 laptops (at **£379.80** each) to be used exclusively for exams, to relieve pressure on teaching and learning spaces,

invigilation costs, etc. – it was agreed to pay the total of **£1519.20** from the Bi-Centenary Fund.

Mr Tiffany (GCSE Revision Support) – Request received for a 4-year subscription to online revision support tool, GCSEPod, at a cost of **£2460** in total – it was agreed to pay the full amount from the FOES account.

Wider Key Skills Project – Request received for funds (**£190**) to enable a group of students from the Wider Key Skills Project to go on an educational trip – it was agreed to pay **£190** from the FOES account.

6 Correspondence

LW had received a Valuation Report from Brewin Dolphin for the period up to April 2016. The value of the Bi-Centenary Trust Fund currently stands at £137,403, with an estimated annual interest income of £4,818.

7 Other Business

- **Review of Constitution**

It was previously agreed that we should take legal advice regarding an updated Constitution. LW's husband (RW) is a lawyer working for Harrowells, the company that holds the current Constitution, and has very kindly offered to look into an updated Constitution for FOES. The PTA UK model constitution may be used as a starting point.

RW to look into an updated Constitution on behalf of FOES.

8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the AGM and will be held on Wednesday 14th September 2016, at 6.30pm.

FS to book meeting room.

Meeting finished at 7.15pm

FOES bids – April 2016

1. Humanities (Emma Taylor)

a) We would very much like to purchase two IPEVO high definition document cameras that can be used to show students' work on the screen using the projector during lessons. The aim is to showcase good quality work but also to encourage students to see how work can be improved to make it outstanding. The teacher can add comments to the work for all to see and can use effective and instant feedback which will have an immediate impact.

These new products are an improvement on the visualisers that the school has purchased in the past and wider use of them at all key stages will enhance teaching and learning in the classroom and help make teacher feedback immediate and more purposeful.

These can be purchased on Amazon for £85 each so we would like to bid for £170 if this is at all possible. We can then share the cameras across the faculty and perhaps purchase more (one per teacher ideally) in the future.

b) The Geography department would like to purchase three Flow Meters to measure river flow for the A Level fieldwork related coursework assignment. These cost approximately £200 each and any money towards the total cost of £600 would be greatly appreciated.

2. Youth Club (Panda)

- a) Please would you ask FOES if we could have £30 for fruit and healthy snacks for a year 11 de-stress event?
- b) Please would you be able to ask FOES for £200 or £100 (anything will help) towards provisions for Youthy. We provide some young people with breakfast, tea, toast etc. on mornings when we know they aren't getting fed at home. We also try to provide free food on Thursday lunch by way of soup, toast and anything else we can cobble together from the cupboards (we made scones last week). It helps people feel included and welcomed and often provided informal learning of life skills.

3. Bid for exam use lap tops

I would be grateful for your consideration of a request for a grant to cover the cost of 4 laptops to be used exclusively for exams.

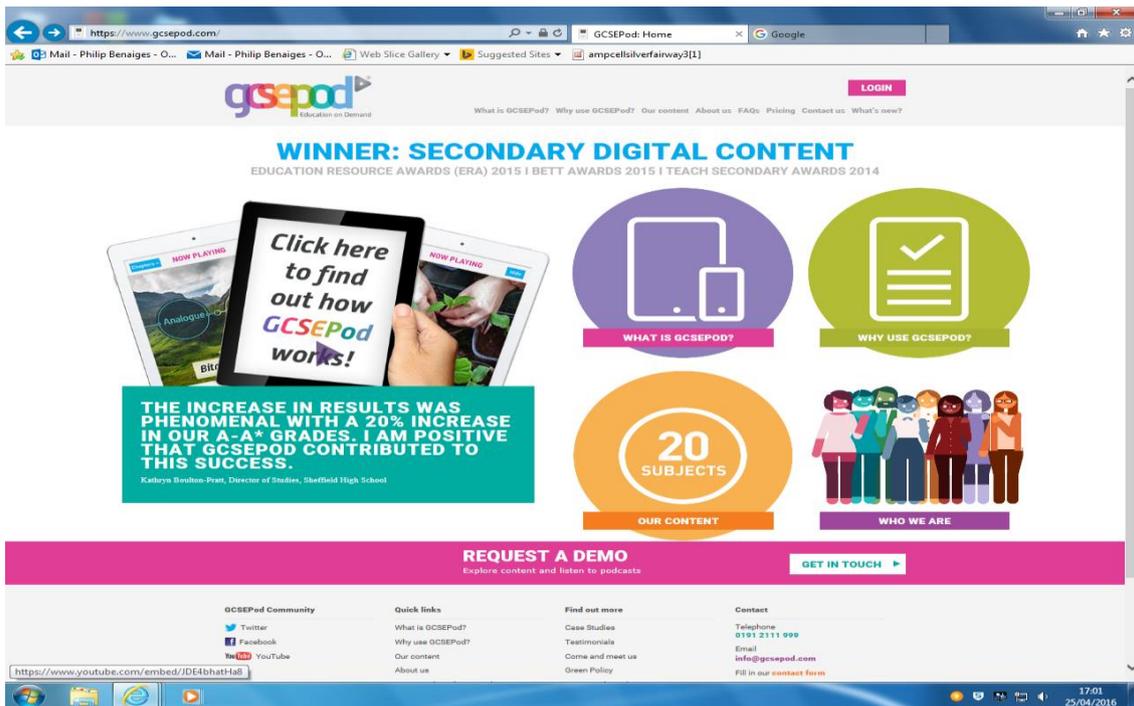
The benefits to the school and students would be:

- Reduced invigilation costs – students may sit in the main school hall with their laptop and would not always need separate invigilation in another room.
- Reduced pressure on teaching and learning space – we wouldn't need to take up a whole ICT suite for a small number of students.
- Less pressure on the ICT manager – Laptops and word processors need to be set up in a particular way to meet Exam Board regulations – at present the ICT manager does this before every exam and then reverses the process afterwards. If we had designated laptops there would no longer be a need for this.

Students need to use laptops for a variety of reasons, often they have diagnosed difficulties with handwriting and use word processors throughout their school life, but also every year at least one student will break an arm or injure their hand just before their exams - (amazingly they generally manage to type!). Having designated laptops would alleviate pressure on already stretched resources.

The cost of 4 basic laptops would be £1519.20 (£379.80 each).

4. GCSE POD (Chris Tiffany)



At Easingwold School we would like to provide excellent on-line revision support to approximately 340 Y10 and Y11 students. We used GCSEPod last year and found that it had a real impact on student revision, helping us to achieve record results. We are unable to currently afford this from school funds and so would ask if FOES could contribute £820 a year for three years. (we will then get the fourth year free!) This would enable us to provide effective revision for all of our students.

5. Wider Key Skills project (Kirsty Fulford, Laura Withers, Paulette Wright)

The Y10 WKS group are planning a trip at the moment - it's for part of a challenge which is worth 25% of their course. They decided that they would like to do something educational and something fun and agreed on a tour of York College (for almost all in the group our 6th form curriculum is not appropriate and many will apply to York College anyway) and either Bowling or Footgolf.

Footgolf is impractical for a number of reasons and so Bowling is their best chance. They fundraised and most students worked hard to think of, plan and hold creative fundraising ideas, but mainly due to a clash with Sport Relief (as well as admittedly the lack of cooperation of a tiny minority of the group) they raised £125, but this was less than we were aiming for, and is only enough to cover the cost of the coach.

We have negotiated a much reduced price with Tenpin but still it will cost the group £190.

We wondered whether FOES would consider giving us a donation towards this and would be most grateful if you would pass on our request.