



MINUTES OF FONS MEETING

Location: Newlyn School

Date: 16/09/2026

Time: 9:00am

In Attendance: Vicky White (Secretary), Julie Wood (Deputy Head), Jess Luton (Co-Chair), Tamara Waters (Co-Chair), Molly Kewn (Vice Chair), Siobhan Stacey (Treasurer), Kayleigh, Rosie, Tash, Alex, Jackie.

Apologies: Dorothy, Mrs Huntington (Headteacher), Laura, Nicki

Treasurer's Report

Siobhan was not in the meeting at first but was able to join us later. We have around £2,000 in the bank account and around £1,000 cash on site that needs to be banked. Siobhan will take a look and ensure she gets a report to us soon of what we have in the account exactly.

Chair Report

As FONS were not official last year with positions, we managed to hold a few fundraising events such as a disco and the summer fayre which did well, but needed more organisation and support. As we have now got such a wonderful team supporting our school, this year things should go a lot smoother with events and support.

Election of Committee

As there are lots of new members, Vicky and Siobhan talked about what each role involves, and asked the members who would like to be put forward for roles. Members were able to nominate people they think would be great within each role. We then held a vote by a show of hands of who agreed for each role. It was voted as follows:

Co-Chairs: Tamara & Jess 9/9

Vice Chair: Molly 10/10

Treasurer: Siobhan 10/10

Secretary: Vicky 10/10

Let the votes show that the core positions have been filled and all agreed. Our new Co-Chairs are Tamara Waters and Jess Luton, the Vice Chair is Molly Kewn, the Secretary is Vicky White and the Treasurer is Siobhan Stacey.

School Priorities & FONS Support

Siobhan and Julie shared that the Play & Roam is still the biggest item that the school need help fundraising for. Siobhan is meeting with Mr Budgen this week and will get an estimate of how much financial support they require so we have a target to reach.

The year ahead

Halloween ideas – Tamara shared within our Whatsapp group and during the meeting an idea to get Hay bales and pumpkins from various farms/supermarkets and set up a little pumpkin patch/photo opportunity where we can take class photos for a treat, and then at the end, every child can take a pumpkin home to carve, that sorts most of the clean up, will just be a case of cleaning up the hay bales. This will take place on the last week of term, and a day set aside for the classes to go up to the field. Small pumpkins only to be sought for this. Rosie has kindly agreed to take the photos and has all the relevant licenses/DBS etc needed to do so. All members are invited to please ring/email/visit anywhere that we can get pumpkins/hay bales and add where you have tried into our Whatsapp group so no-one doubles up. We have around 160 children between the school and nursery.

Also an idea was mentioned by Jackie for the last day of term to be a dress up day. Due to religious beliefs within our school community, we need to ensure we remain respectful and we will call it a fancy dress day rather than making it to do with anything Halloween related, and also no masks or toy weapons are allowed. £1 donation for the dress up day.

Christmas – Christmas Photoshoot for children, Rosie again has kindly agreed to take the photos. FONS to help Rosie create a Christmas backdrop and a location needs to be agreed with the school, we have suggested the hall so there is enough space. £5 per child and £8 per sibling set as a suggested donation, but must pay the £5 at least for more children. 30th November has been pencilled in so far as a possible date, but needs to be agreed.

Christmas Fayre – we touched on this and talked about the stalls we have had in the past, getting a grotto done with Santa – Nigel to be the Santa for us again hopefully.

We need to be emailing and visiting supermarkets for donations of chocolate coins to give out at the grotto – also need to ensure we include allergen free coins. Nigel to go around the classes as Santa and give out presents to all the children – to look on Shein & Temu for little Christmas packs with stationery in it for example to use as presents. Tamara mentioned she has voucher codes for Shein and a Bookers card which she can use for anything FONS needs at events. Siobhan said she is happy to have the grotto set up in Stepping Stones for children to visit Santa, as she can set this up in the sensory room.

Julie mentioned about selling raffle tickets before our Christmas Fayre, but this requires a gambling license, Vicky to look into how much this costs.

Class Reps

As was discussed in our previous meeting before the summer, we would like to ensure there are 2x reps from each class so that they can be more involved within FONS and the school community.

Vicky to find out the reps for each class and ensure they are added to the Class Reps group chat on Whatsapp.

Next Meeting Date

Monday 28th September @ 9am

Meeting Closed at 10am