

Friends of Burhill School
Minutes of AGM Monday 29 October 2018

Present: Sarah King (Chair), Heather Webb (Co Chair and Minutes), Sally Taylor, Gemma Adams, Ian King, Diane Dewar, Adele Quinn, Julia Roberts, Cat Bennett, Sara Gravil, Jane Anderson, Rhiannon Flury, Dori Gandhi, Emma Cairns, Jessica Forster, Gemma Brahams, Rima Hassan, Rachel Bowden, Joanne Stride, Liz Leeds, Cat Hinchliffe

Apologies: Lisa Yarwood

Introduction

Sarah King welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a presentation on FoBS and the work that we have done during the 2017/18 Academic Year.

Financial Report

Cat Bennett summarised the current state of FoBS finances and detailed funds raised and purchases made during 2017/18 – report attached.

The meeting agreed that it was a matter of urgency to decide what funds should be spent on in order that our children begin to benefit from them as soon as possible. Staff and parents/carers to be approached for suggestions and these to be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

FoBS Committee

Heather Webb confirmed as Co-Chair.

Lisa Yarwood to step down as Co-Vice Chair – replaced by Rhiannon Flury.

Julie Tiernan and Charlotte O'Farrell to step down as Co-Secretaries and Jules Wilson to carry on. New Co-Secretary – Dori Gandhi. Jane Anderson has volunteered to help with meeting minutes as and when required.

Spending Requests

The Geography department have requested £900 to purchase 15 atlases for each class. Approved.

Rhiannon asked if any further donations would be made to the rehabilitation fund for Isabel Dolby. Mrs Taylor replied that we are waiting for see how much money Issy will need for her therapy. Any further contributions need to be publicised first – decision to be postponed until a later date.

Mrs Taylor announced plans for the redevelopment of part of the “wilderness” area of the school grounds into a Forest School area. This is a project which FoBs could potentially be invited to make a donation towards. A company is currently quoting for clearing the area and installing a fire pit, installing 30 tree stumps to be used as seating, exposing the existing trees to make them more accessible and planting a hedge with an entrance.

Ian King commented that the pond is currently sorely neglected. Mrs Taylor responded that someone will be hired to maintain it for us. The same person will assist in the use of the pond as part of the curriculum – pond-dipping events etc, Ian suggested that a better pathway was needed – Mrs Taylor assured the meeting that all Health and Safety concerns would be addressed and that a cinder path was part of the plans.

Update on Changing Room facility: Mrs Taylor reported that if it is decided that the Children's Centre will be closed down, this space could be used to house some changing rooms. Until we know what decision has been made about the Centre it has been decided to postpone any plans. A row of outside toilets will be built where the current Climbing Wall is – this cost to be covered by school.

Any Other Business

The meeting thanked Sarah King and the rest of the committee for their fantastic fundraising and events organisation over the past academic year.