

FOSA Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 12 October 7.30-8.30pm

Attendees: Sian Dover (Headteacher), Kate Caine (Marketing Manager), Alex Johnson (Co-Chair), Phil Chadwick (Co-Chair), Heidi Kendrew (Co-Treasurer), Alex, Helen Perry, Alice Thompson and Sam Green.

Apologies: Cecilia Warren (Co-Treasure), Annie Taylor Chadwick (Secretary), Lianne McKenzie, Libby Ragan.

Agenda: To introduce the new Headteacher Sian Dover to the team and discuss the new outdoor area and future plans.

SD: Talked about how SLT had decided how the new area be used, this would be a Year group a day during break time and lunch time, that students would be asked to bring their own bats and that the bats bought by FOSA be used for those Pupil Premium students or students with SEN. It could also be used by those who visit the Beacon and need some time or those with SEN as a means of learning.

KC: Mentioned a few staff had expressed interest in the new table tennis area and so thoughts about how staff might use it need to be addressed. A staff tennis table league perhaps?

PC: Thought FOSA should work towards a specific fundraising goal – now that the new outdoor area up and running.

SD: mentioned that she thought school needed some new picnic benches elsewhere around school – perhaps in some funky colours.

HP: reminded us that this was always the plan anyway.

KC: said that we needed to see how much money was left in the pot after the spend on the new outdoor area.

HK: said she thought there was about £5k remaining.

SG: said how about buying some picnic blankets that can be borrowed by students to be able to sit around the grass areas too.

SD: added or those Outdoor Beanbags might be nice.

KC: raised the question that TA Nicola Connell had asked if it might be possible to have some raised flowerbeds in the St. Aidan's garden to enable wheelchair access for gardening.

SD: said it might be a nice project to do in collaboration with Harlow Carr.

KC: said she will follow this up.

HP: said perhaps Horticap would get involved or the equipment store in Starbeck

AT: mentioned the team at Horticap that help people in need with their gardens. Perhaps we could involve them.

AJ: Talked about pre-loved uniform. Wondering if now there are more of us, could we do more sales of this.

KC: mentioned all the ties we have in stock and how these were an easy way of making money. They cost £13 new but we can sell for £3/£4 in July.

HP: Said would Business students or Economics students want to take it on as a project

KC: New Intake Information Evening. As well as recruiting new FOISA members we should do a Used Uniform sale.

The rest of the meeting we chatted informally about the new head's journey which brought her to join St. Aidan's and what a great school we were all very lucky to be a part of.

End of minutes