

FOSA Meeting
Monday 11 March
Minutes

Those attending: Sian Dover (SD), Alex Johnson (AD), Alice Thompson (AT) Kate Caine (KC), Annie Taylor-Chadwick (ATC), Phil Taylor Chadwick (PTC) and Helen Perry (HP)

Apologies: Cecilia Warren and Tina Salden

Committee agreed Family Fest would go ahead – KC to check date in diary (It's scheduled for Saturday 6 July). This info has already been shared with incoming Year 7 parents/carers.

AT (who has a son in Y7) commented that she thought that despite the rain, it was brilliant last year and her son particularly enjoyed the chess and table tennis but we all agreed the football was a definite crowd-puller.

SD suggested a Bake-off style event might be nice to be included or an Art Competition – which resulted in the art being displayed somewhere.

PTC reminded us the event was emailed out to all Year 6 parents too so good for attracting the following year's cohort to SA too.

Pre-loved uniform – we discussed that it would be a good idea to try and have a regular pre-loved uniform sale and wondered who might take ownership of this. SD said she would ask Eco Committee.

AJ thought we should charge more across the board for Family Fest to try to raise more this year.

We agreed that it would be good to have something we are aiming to pay for to encourage people to donate money to FOSA events.

The committee asked SD what the school wish list might be. SD mentioned the following things which would ideally need pricing up.

- Concertina seating for CGH (KC mentioned that she had had a conversation with YCST Financial Director Clare Dowson who had concerns about this purchase). The cost of something like this would cost £70,000.
- Dining tables for the main hall – Sian had some specific ones in mind.
- Dining tables for Sixth Form Café
- Furniture for a 'soft area' for Sixth Form.
- Branded Barriers to help organise the dinner queues in main hall.
- Large photos of students with quotes on them – fitting with school ethos/OFSTED report highlights.
- Sails for outdoor areas around school – enabling students to be outside whatever the weather.
- Sails or a roof for Year 7 outdoor eating area.
- 'Jiffy Van' to serve hot drinks around school and maybe use this to generate income for FOSA at weekends when external teams are using the 3G pitch. Could a student/FOSA member man the van. SD knows someone who does these Jiffy Vans so will look at cost. HP came up

with the idea initially – having spent so much time pitch side at the 3G thinking it would be great to be able to buy a coffee!

We discussed other ‘small ways we could continue to make money for FOSA. The following ideas were included:

- FOSA doing regular Teas and Coffees at Parent Information Evenings. There are more of these planned for the future – for each Year group. Other T & C opportunities could include: Year 9 Options Evening
- EasyFundraising (KC forgot the name of this but has since remembered). Register with this and buy your Amazon purchases, online supermarket shops with a small amount going to FOSA each time.
- Continue to have a tab on ParentPay – KC mentioned noticing that funds are drip fed into FOSA’s account via this.
- Bonfire Night – could we have FOSA members shaking buckets at Bede carparking. Normally a donation is made to FOSA for this, but we might be able to make more this way. It will depend who is available and happy to do this nearer the time.

Year 7 Quiz or a larger Quiz?

We discussed this and wondered whether FOSA’s time would be better spent organising a larger event which was open to parents/carers of whole school community. We all felt a Black tie ball might not be popular in current climate but a curry and a quiz night would go down really well. This would include a licensed bar and curry to be brought in from an external supplier. SD said she might know someone from Bradford that could do this. KC said HGS currently do one that attracts large numbers and it’s become a bit of a social highlight of the school calendar. We acknowledged that Clair King was keen to keep the Year 7 Quiz exclusive to that Year group but SD mentioned that school might be able to make more of the Meet the Form Tutors event instead – giving Year 7 parents/families chance to come together.

We thought October might still be a good time for this. KC to look at suitable dates – Friday or Saturday nights.

Marketing of FOSA at events

SD thought we should have a FOSA banner that we roll out at events. KC said there are roll out posters that you can buy for around £80 each. The committee agreed this would be FOSA money well spent.

Current FOSA Bank Balance: £6219.93

End of meeting