

Friends of Diggle School AGM
Wednesday 11 October 2017

Attendance:

Mrs Newton (President), Lisa Prince (Chair), Susan Wint (Treasurer), Natalie Heptonstall (Secretary), Louise Whitehead, Michelle Smith, Rachael Russell, Tracy Buckley, Emily Drake, Donna Ellis, Laura Derbyshire, Louise Wells, Paivi Merilainen, Thirza Dixon, Jennii Chapman.

Apologies:

Susan Rushworth, Nick Cox

Acknowledgements

Lisa Prince highlighted the progress made throughout the year and thanked everyone for their efforts. Lisa gave special thanks to Susan Wint, Nick Cox and Michelle Smith who are all stepping down from FODS in relation to their specific roles and as Committee members.

Lisa Price also advised that she was also stepping down as Chair and as a Committee member.

Synopsis of Accounts for Year Ending 31 August 2017

SW advised that income was down due to not having an end of year School Fete. Although the sponsored dance event and cake sale was a good way of raising money with full school involvement.

Essentially there's £12,000 in the FODS account which needs to be spent. This could be used by facilitating visitors into School and outside play equipment.

SW confirmed that FODS needs around £2,000 a year for general running costs to pay for standard things such as Year 6 hooded tops, leavers books etc.

SW confirmed the accounts need to be audited but that the Constitution around this is vague. Two people are required to check the accounts at the end of each year. TD and DE agreed to do this.

ACTION – SW asked to be taken off the distribution list for FODS emails as she has now relinquished her role

Re-election and new Committee Members

- Emily Drake – Chair
- Rachael Russell – Treasurer
- Natalie Heptonstall – Secretary
- Laura Derbyshire – Internal Communications /School Liaison and Committee Member
- Louise Whitehead – School Representative and Committee Member (PLEASE NOTE: this role does NOT encompass that of School Liaison)
- Susan Rushworth – Committee Member
- Paivi Merilainen – Committee Member
- Donna Ellis – Committee Member
- Louise Wells – Committee Member
- Thirza Dixon – Committee Member
- Tracy Buckley – Committee Member
- Jennii Chapman – Committee Member

DOSH

EH will continue to co-ordinate this, regardless of her new role as Chair. It was agreed that RR and Mrs Newton will now sign cheques for distribution. We discussed the procedural issues in relation to the change in Chair and Treasurer and the details held by the NatWest Bank.

Men in Sheds

Mrs Newton confirmed that when she spoke to one of the gentlemen at a local event in the Summer, she was advised that the mud kitchen is ready. We discussed inviting the "Men in Sheds" to a school event for the elderly.

ACTION – SW to contact "Men in Sheds" to establish where things are up to

Update on the external ground work

LW confirmed that since the work was carried out over the Summer months, there have been no floods or silt. It was agreed that we will need to see the Winter through to establish if this situation remains. School would still like FODS to fund the playground markings. It was discussed that the playground markings would facilitate "active learning" - staff and children find this a great way of learning.

School "wish list"

Mrs Newton confirmed she would like to do the following:

- improve the cloakroom area outside Classes 4 and 5
- improve the cloakroom area outside classes 1 and 2
- clear and kit out the music room – this room is also used for pastoral care and is not conducive to this
- Mrs Cocker also has a list which will be provided

FODS COMMITTEE AGREED THE FUNDING FOR THE ABOVE FIRST THREE ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED

Other items include:

- a canopy for the Reception outdoor area and also for the outdoor entrance to classes 1 and 2.
- benches for the outdoor area are also required and the outdoor markings
- star dome days – there are 3 more events planned
- science workshop
- boomwacka
- visit from an Olympian or Para Olympian

We discussed Diggle Dandelions. FODS members offered to help in cleaning and clearing the area and asked if there's any outside storage required. LW advised School is looking at sourcing a grant to replace the existing building. Once this has been done, the outdoor area can be given attention. In terms of a time frame, the School has been provided with 4 sets of architects plans in order to future proof this. School needs to decide what it requires as they can't apply for a grant until a decision is made on the type and size of building.

Future Events

Valentines Disco – we will agree a date for next year and also a date for the Summer disco. It was agreed we would let Mrs Newton know a date by the beginning of December so she can ensure after school clubs are not scheduled for those dates.

Zumbathon – this will take place on Sunday 26 November. The organisers are looking for a larger venue, possibly Saddleworth School. This will be an event for families and those who like to keep fit. This will be a ticket event and there will be face painting and glow sticks for sale.

AOB

Face book and FODS website

Both will be updated. We need to be mindful of those who do not want their details added to social media

Next FODS meeting – AGM on Thursday 9 November 2017 at the Diggle Hotel