

**FOLS AGM MINUTES**

**Thursday 10th November 2022**

**Present:**

Louise Full (LF) - Chair

M Carpenter-Hanson) MCH) – Secretary

Cecile Bolton – Fols Team member

Elena Galt - Fols Team member

Sara Mckalic (SMK)- Fols Team member

Sophie Lomas - Fols Team member

Debbie Cole (DC) – Headteacher

Kirsty Wakefield – Teacher

Kim Thornton – Teacher

David George – Chair of Governors

Dan Bradley - Parent

1. **Welcome**

LF opened meeting by thanking everyone for their hard work, support and contribution. Stated that it is a great time to be part of FoLs – referred to the challenges of the pandemic and also changes to the team – inspite of which the charity had still provided significant support to the school. Stated that now things are getting back to normal FoLs can rebuild and continue to make the significant contribution to the school.

LF thanked Luarena Durston for her hard work for Fols over the past 4 years.

Committee then reconfirmed acceptance of and agreement to the Constitution for another year.

1. **Election of Committee Officers**

**Chair:** MCHnominated LF, seconded by K Wakefield

**Treasurer:** LF nominated MCH, D Cole seconded

**Secretary:** LF nominated SMK, seconded by K Wakefield

1. **Review of Previous Year (LF)**

LF reviewed the events run through the last year. Highlighted school lottery as a main fundraiser & stated that more promotion was needed to get more families aware. DC agreed to announce winners in Friday assemblies – LF to let DC know each week. Referred to Fun day – first one in 2 years – a greater success. Also stated that circus was a success despite many challenges of pandemic and restrictions. Thanks Cecile for ice-lolly sales and Friday cakes – a great success. Thanked Horticultural show for their annual donation & stated that there was a real desire to do more with the community. Thanks Orange builders again for their donation.

KW asked if tea towels could be organized again as not done for a few years

1. **Summary of Financials 2021/2022 (MCH)**

See attached summary. Charity is in good shape with closing balance of assets for 2021-2022 of £12, 469.35. MCH Stated that whilst the balances were ok there needed to be more engagement this year to protect and rebuild so that school donation next year could be guaranteed. Stated that with smart planning where expenditure minimized and profits maximized, FoLs could have a very good year.

1. **Annual Donation to School (LF & DC)**

DC went through the school wish list ( see attached), which includes licenses for on line resources, whole school pantomime trip, whole school trip to Sheldonian music festival, & books. Total request £5406.

FoLS team agreed & approved & cheque was passed to DC.

DC expressed her thanks and gratitude and stated how all of the items provided real enrichment to the children as well as support for teachers to ensure a broad curriculum is provided & for those children needing extra help – referred to fact that children had made real progress in Maths and English due to the resources.

DC stated that it would be good to highlight the contribution of FoLS – agreed to have photo of cheque presentation.

1. **Plans for Current Academic Year**

LF discussed ideas for the next year including movie nights, disco, Xmas cakes, Xmas lunch, supporting Christingle & Nativity. Discussed idea of a summer whole school sponsored walk with a BBQ at the end. Mr Bradley offered to help

**AOB**

Discussion on creation of fund to help ensure all children had the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities such as science club, cookery club etc. FoLS team are supportive of making a grant to the school for school to manage. DC to discuss with teachers and revert back

DC then expressed thanks to everyone who had contributed to the year and for the very generous donation. Stated that it was very important for the school to have strong working relationships with families and stated that the school really appreciated all of the support

David??: Sated thanks on behalf of the governors - stated that this was about more than just fundraising – that Lewknor school is a fantastic community and that FoLS is the embodiment of that. Stated that it was very good to know the school had such tremendous support.

LF: Stated that Lewknor was a very special place where children created special memories – it was a small school that did big things. Stated that the teaching team were incredible and showed huge care for the children.

MCH: Added that the school provided a lasting legacy and that the care and support of the teachers for the children went beyond their time at the school.

LF Closed meeting by thanking everyone for their time and support.

**Meeting Closed**