

**F.O.E.S**  
**Friends of Earith School**  
**C/O Earith Primary School**  
**School Road**  
**Earith**  
**Cambridgeshire**  
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**Meeting Minutes AGM 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**Earith Primary School**  
Registered Charity Number: 1035875

**Attendees:** Amy Strong (Chair), Teresa Kell (Secretary- stepped down), Stacey Buchanan (Member), Bianca Napredean (Member), Kelly Swales (Member), Lizzy Dowell-McGrillan (Member), Laura Dartford (Member) Louise Miceili (Member), Phil Mudge (Member), Dan Wilderspin (Member), Tom Abbs (Head of School).

**Apologies:** Kerry Hutchins (Treasurer)

**Chairperson's Report** – Thanked the committee for a successful year and reaching our goal to replace the trim trail and build the activity cube.

**Treasurer's Report** - Detailed report distributed. Current balance £3549.45 as of 08/10/2020.

**Head Teacher's Comments**

Mr Abbs thanked the current committee for their hard work and achievements, expressed that he is being faced with new challenges daily and working in a different way due to the current epidemic. Mr Abbs has a contact within the trust who is supporting him with gaining grants to develop the outside space and learning experience. He is looking to achieve funding for several projects:

- Outside music equipment
- Permanent gazebo with fire pit
- Outdoor gym
- 2 members of staff to attend forest school training

There would be more chance of success in obtaining these grants if FOES were able to make a small donation to each project.

There are also smaller items such as outdoor sheds, toys and equipment which the school would like to buy to immediately improve the outside areas.

Earith Timber are also due to have a meeting with the school to discuss what they may be able to provide.

**Committee Members**

The existing members stepped down and were re-appointed to their existing roles:

- Chair – Amy Strong
- Treasurer – Kerry Hutchins
- Secretary – Position vacant (needs to be filled at next meeting)
- Other members: Bianca Napredean, Kelly Swales, Stacey Buchanan, Louise Miceli, Teresa Kell. We are also pleased to welcome new members- Phil Mudge, Dan Wilderspin, Laura Dartford and Lizzie Dowell-McGrillan.
- Constitution was signed by all members

## **Future Spending**

Current balance £3500. The committee are keen for this money to be spent so the children can start benefitting.

Decision was made to donate £1000 to supporting the larger projects and hopefully improve the chances of getting grants for these. This can be divided per the advice of the trust.

A further £2000 will be provided to the school to purchase smaller equipment. Mr Abbs felt that Dali class are most in need of this. The committee are happy for a greater share of the money to be spent on this class but would like something to be brought for each class so all children benefit.

£500 will remain in the account to cover insurance, bank costs and regular spending etc.

## **Future Fundraising**

No events since March 2020 due to government guidance. Limits on what events can be held at present.

### **Halloween Class Parties / Fancy Dress- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

- Children to wear fancy dress
- £2 donation (justgiving or cash)
- Teachers to give the children a classroom party in their bubbles
- Members to source drinks and treats (Stacey has kindly offered to do this)
- Amy to do letter

### **Christmas Raffle**

- Letter has been written for raffle donations and several companies have been approached
- Current prizes- Henry Hoover and 2 x MOTs
- Committee to approach other businesses for donations
- Mr Abbs to draw raffle and record this on Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

### **Tea towel Fundraiser**

- Children to draw self-portraits for class tea towel
- Amy to look into fundraising companies who provide this

### **Xmas Film Afternoon**

- To run immediately after school
- Small donation to come and watch a xmas film with popcorn & drinks
- Mr Abbs to decide whether this can be run in the hall or in class bubbles

## **AOB**

- Mr Abbs to discuss xmas with staff- potentially an outdoor walk past Santa experience (with selection boxes as gifts)
- Non uniform day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec for a bottle or chocolate to go towards raffle hampers or possibly tombola after school if this would be feasible- to discuss this nearer the time and review current restrictions
- Discussion about possible quiz evening- will depend on covid restrictions. To discuss again at next meeting.
- Coloured paint has been purchased to paint some of the fencing and sheds. Mr Abbs to confirm what is priority and FOEs will arrange for this be painted one weekend (depending on weather), ideally in the next few weeks.

**Next meeting**

Next meeting to be held after half term- date and location to be decided