

Minutes of the of the Friends of Woodlands School (Edinburgh),

held on Monday 13 March 2023

Participants: Carol Pake, Janis Mullen (School Business Manager), Martin Shand (Treasurer), Rachel McKerrow, Sara Beckett, (Deputy Head) Sinéad Reynolds (Chair), Rhoda Macdougall (Acting Headteacher), Alica Columbine-Green, Emily Johnston

Apologies: None received.

1)	Participants and Apologies As above.	
2)	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and correct record	All
3)	Chair's Report on Actions/follow up from the last meeting Items that were poor quality or damaged have been removed from the playground. Rubber surfaces have been reinstated. So 3 items of playground equipment less at present.	
4)	Accounts update Accounts are pretty static at present. Paperwork re changing signatories on the bank account is ongoing. The donation from FoW for "Food Bank" has been very much appreciated and has made a difference to 14 families. The William Dawson Trust who support outdoor ed have been approached for funding which is currently under consideration. Various other sources of funding have been considered. The local Scotmid may also be a good point of contact.	Martin
5)	Fundraising Needs/Updates Parent Council are considering holding a Christmas Fair.	
6)	Playground Update The front playground – the OT has offered advice from their perspective for things that could benefit the pupils from a sensory perspective. It has been suggested we consider visiting St Crispin's school as their playground is relatively new so it would be a good idea to see what works well there. With the new Currie High – would there be any scope for the constructors to make any donations. Rhoda to have a discussion with the Headteacher at Currie High Sara indicated there had been a number of sessions with pupils about their wishes for the playground, she will circulate the power points.	Rhoda/Sinead Rhoda Sara

	<p>Approaches should be made to “BIG businesses for donations. Sinead and Carol will collaborate on a proposal document, Martin can assist with figures.</p> <p>Renewable companies may be worth approaching – is there anything local we could link in STEM activities.</p> <p>Staff are going to have a parental consultation so can include questions from FoW/Parent Council about if parents have links/contacts who could support the playground project.</p> <p>There was some discussion about having a ‘strapline’ for the playground project, everyone agreed this was a good idea and would think of some possibilities.</p> <p>Go Fund Me or Justgiving sites – would be interesting to see feasibility of these – and cost implications.</p>	<p><u>Action By</u></p> <p>Sinead, Carol, Martin</p> <p>Sara</p> <p>June</p>
6)	<p>Procedural matters</p> <p>a. Date of next meeting – Monday 15 May at 2pm at Woodlands School</p>	<p>June</p>
7)	<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>Fiona Clark has decided to stand down from FoW as her daughter has now moved on from Woodlands – the Committee would like it noted that her efforts were much appreciated.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 2.45pm.