



Friends of Crowland General Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 February 2024

Attendees: Leah Turner, Yanling Zhang (Treasurer), Ellie Schling (Chair), Christina, Caterina Kohut, Simona Camillo-Defries (Co-Secretary), Amandine Neyses-van Schelven, Chloe Tait, Alison Bland, Anahied Luria (Secretary), Janelle, Ewa, Ms Argent.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Update on winter fair money raised, celebrate the success of the winter fair fund raising, and how the money raised will be spent:

“The Winter Fair raised just over £2000 (not including money from Veolia of £250). Ellie and Simona met with Mr Winnard and Mr Thomas and they proposed spending the money on playground equipment - this will reduce the need to use the school’s sports/PE equipment. Mr W and Mr T will take the proposal to the School Council who will be involved in the decision making for purchasing the equipment.”

2. Financial Summary of FROC’s accounts

There were two fund raising events in December 2023.

1) Christmas Card Sales

The Christmas Card Sales raised £ 200. The final amount needs to be confirmed by Leah. The cash hasn’t yet reached the FROC bank account at the time of the meeting.

2) Winter Fair

The Winter Fair has raised £2,895.05.

FROC has spent £534.25 organising the Winter Fun Fair. Parents/carers also donated over £600 gift in kind to cover the spending on setting up the Winter Fair.

The total net fund (after all expenditure) raised from the winter fund raising events was £2,360.80.

FROC's account balance increased from £767.55 to £3,128.35 after the winter fund raising events.

Committed spendings of FROC as at the time of the meeting are as follows:

- £500 has been allocated for the School Garden.
- £2,360.80 raised from Winter Fun Fair will go towards playground equipment (see item 1 of the agenda).

3. FROC's goal for 2024

To discuss the priorities of the following projects to decide on the project(s) to support in the next fund-raising event:

- Technology for classrooms (estimated £5-7,000 annual cost to rent equipment)

It was agreed that this will be a priority for FROC fundraising in 2024.

- Early Years playground
- To help Ms Demitri set up the Reading Café:

Ms Demitri has secured some funding to convert the Eco Room into a Reading Cafe for the School. Some of this funding is ringfenced specifically for the purchase of books for this space. Discussed ways in which FROC can help this initiative including the purchase of a coffee machine.

- Idea to have parent volunteers support holiday camps. Discussion was around using parent volunteers to help to support holiday camps to ensure they can continue running.

4. Fundraising events Spring/Summer and Autumn 2024

It was agreed that the fundraising target is set to be £10,000 for 2024. Major fund-raising events for 2024 are as follow:

- **Second-hand book stall (Wednesday 6 March)** in week of World Book Day
Led by Ewa and supported by FROC members. Books to be donated to school for resale.
- **Second hand uniform stalls.** To be discussed in the coming FROC meetings.
- **Parents quiz night.** To take place in May.
- **Sponsored events for kids** (Mr T suggests a bike ride) **and grownups** (can adults do a sponsored run or swim?). Discussion around parent/carer and child participation in sponsored events such as Tottenham Marshes 10k run in June.
- **Summer fair.** Agreed that Summer Fair should be held on a Sunday in June and to start organising asap.
- **Jumble sale in the autumn.** Agreed to organise a jumble sale in Autumn Term.

5. Communications for FROC

How should we communicate FROC progress and future plans to the wider school community?

- Discussion around how FROC can best communicate and reach all of the school community.

6. AOB and next meeting date

AOB and future meeting dates are to be decided and circulated on WhatsApp Group.

7. Summary of Action points from the meeting:

1. **Chloe Tait** to draft a few lines regarding WF success to give to Ms Argent for inclusion on the next school newsletter.
2. **Anahied Luria** to look into insurance policies for FROC equipment and to clarify that FROC activity is covered by school insurance.
3. Identify volunteers to organise FROC area and produce a list of FROC equipment.

4. **FROC** to speak to Ms Bateman to get a better understanding of what is required.
5. Request to wider school community to help with decoration/design and procurement of items for reading cafe. Money from FROC World Book Day Book Sale to go towards this activity.
6. **Alison** to discuss with Ms Stav/Mr Winnard/Mr Thomas the idea of using parent volunteers to help supporting holiday camps and feedback at next meeting.
7. **Ewa** to set up WhatsApp group to coordinate volunteers. Ellie to provide school with letter (to send to parents/carers) regarding donation of books/further detail of book sale.
8. **Simona and Anahied** to lead on organisation of quiz night.
9. **Leah** to look into Mini Marathon spaces for the school. **Ellie/Anahied** to discuss possible bike ride event with Mr T.
10. **Ellie** to discuss possible dates (22nd or 29th June) with Mr Winnard. **Anahied** to look into sponsorship of Summer Fair. Winter Fair WhatsApp group to be converted into Summer Fair Volunteer Group.
11. Research use of notice boards around the school for FROC information.