



Friends of Crowland Annual General Meeting 14 November 2024

Attendees:

Alison Bland, Lisa Clark, Simona Camillo-Defries, Naida Ksaiba, Lisa, Shara, Trese-San, Amandine Neyses, Sarah Battock, Yummei, Yanling, Shanyan Chen, Jeremy Stubbings, Linda, Lucia, Janelle Oswald, Ian Ferguson, Nimo Jama, Ellie Schling, Anahied Luria, Ms Stav.

Introductions and apologies for absence

All attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. No apologies for absence.

Introductions to Friends of Crowland

Ellie talked through FROC, its objectives and ways in which the school community can engage with the organisation (e.g. Whatsapp group).

Ms Stav wanted to add that the school is incredibly grateful to the support from parents and carers. Fundraising from last year made it possible for FROC to fund new whiteboard screens in classrooms.

Chairs Report (2023-24)

Thanks to all members for all we've achieved this year.

Over the last year we have been able to fund new playground equipment, electronic whiteboards for all classrooms and contributed towards the reading cafe. We organised a winter fair, book sale, a quiz night and the summer fair, and there was an amazing sponsored run.

Together we helped create a lot of fun and community for our kids and parents and carers too. Times are hard at the moment, with cuts to schools and we can't fill all the gaps. But we can do what we can to support each other and the school and build a strong community, helping our children have the best education they can.

This year we plan to do even more and we'll need your help so please share your ideas, get involved and lend a hand.

Treasurer's Report

It has been a successful 10 months of collaboration between the parents and the school to raise funds to enhance the learning experience of the children at Crowland.

During the 10 months period from 1 November 2023 to 31 August 2024, FROC has organised 6 fundraising events and successfully raised GBP 12,920.13. FROC has a shop to fund your cause arrangement with EasyFundRaising. GBP 388.93 was raised through this initiative. The total fund raised during the period was GBP 13,309.06, which exceeded the fund-raising target of GBP 10,000. The net fund raised during the period was GBP 11,167.39 after all expenses.

During the 10 months period, FROC has funded 5 school projects. These projects are Early Year gardening projects run by Ms Yasgili, Sports Equipment for all years run by Mr Thomas, Reading

Café run by Ms Demetri, Gardening Club run by Leah Turner, and memorial to remember the late student of Crowland. The total fund deployed was GBP 2,703.72.

FROC is committed to contribute GBP 7,600 towards the school's IT equipment in the 2024/2025 academic year. The fund will be transferred to school once the IT equipment is purchased.

Adoption of Parentkind Constitution

As we have raised more than £5000 we now need to convert FROC into a charity. Ellie talked through the Parentkind Constitution and asked the group to vote on adopting this as the constitution for FROC going forward.

The group voted to adopt the Parentkind Model Constitution.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner of Accounts for year 23/24

It was voted on and agreed that Anita De Souza would be appointed as Independent Examiner of Accounts.

Election of Officers and Trustees to the Committee

Ellie expressed gratitude to members who had served on the committee for the last year. No nominations (for committee roles) were received ahead of the meeting.

The following committee members have resigned:
Leah Turner and Anita de Souza

Members voted in the following FROC committee members in for the next 12 months:

Chair and co-chair
Ellie Schling and Alison Bland

Secretary and co-secretary
Anahied Luria and Simona Camillo-Defries

Treasurer and co Treasurer
Yanling Zang and Janelle Oswald

Roles will be held for one year and voting for roles will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

Volunteer Roles

FROC success is reliant volunteers and we are looking for a number of people to fill the following volunteer roles to ensure we have the capacity to continue to deliver a range of events:

Event organisers
Communications
Social Media
Raffles volunteer
Sponsorship lead
Grant writing

Jeremy and Nadia offered to take on raffle volunteer roles for Winter Fair, Tre offered to take on social media (**ACTION: get access to SM accounts sorted for Tre**) and Lisa and Amandine offered to help with grant writing.

Next steps- Winter Fair Planning

Plan to hold a winter fair on 13th December 2024. Whatsapp group for volunteers and organisers to be created in due course.

