

FOSS AGM 2017

Meeting 27th November at 6-7pm - School Hall

Attendees:

Helen Morris (Governor) (on behalf of Mr Buttery)
Kerry Jacob-Thompson (Joint Chair)
Zoe Wright (Joint Chair)
Jo Graham
Caroline Clements
Donna Townsend (Treasurer)
Dawn Benson
Laura Border
Valerie Gale (Governor)
Caroline Dawkins

Headteacher's Report

Helen read the [Headteacher's Report](#) on behalf of Mr Buttery/Mrs Botham.

Chair's Report

Zoe began to read the [Chair's Report](#). Whilst reading her report, Zoe mentioned that FOSS had purchased 2 more cameras and now the focus was on replacing some laptops, and raising money for the new Apparatus in the School Field.

Helen then explained what had been discussed at a recent Governor's Meeting.

Helen went on to state that our current IT equipment is not up to date and this is starting to have an impact on the children's lessons. There are not enough laptops in the classrooms, and those that we have, frequently crash during lessons.

Questions were raised as why this was the case as FOSS had always had laptops on their fundraising agenda, and thought these were constantly being replaced. Questions of mis-use or just life-span were discussed.

Concerns were raised, as we are in an age where we are becoming more and more dependent on IT, we want our children to have easy access to computers, become familiar with their use and have equipment that works and does what they want it to do.

Children going on to Secondary Schools should have working knowledge of IT.

Helen continued that Ann Williams (Governor) had been researching laptops and ipad costs and had £350.00 per laptop. Discussions were had, and some members thought that a cheaper model could be purchased. The committee were also told that Ann had been looking into Grants and the YCA had been contacted by Helen, and Zoe had written to the Gowan's Trust.

Treasurer's Report

Donna produced the Treasurer's Report. This report showed what funds have been raised, Donna added what funds are currently available in the FOSS Account. She also stated that Mr Velding has offered a tablet to school. Mr Buttery is aware.

Whilst the discussions were progressing, Laura set up a [Crowdfunding page](#), to try and raise external awareness and request donations to assist with our existing fundraising initiatives.

Dawn produced the Constitutional Report Template, which Donna required to set up Tesco Bags initiative. Donna to action.

Donna reminded everyone of [Easyfundraising](#), link to the school site is on Page 9 of the presentation.

Kerry reminded everyone that a new Chair needed to be assigned, some discussions were made, but no-one stepped forward, due to the fact of the amount of money that was needed to be raised, and the amount of work involved in arranging funding initiatives. Last year FOSS ran as a team of 3, which was a very tall order to say the least.

All members agreed that an emergency meeting to be held on 15th January at 7.30pm, when the appointment of new members will hopefully take place.

The meeting, which was scheduled for 1 hour, actually took over 2.