

FOSS

Friends of Sutton School

Minutes of the FOSS meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026

Present: Mel, Tori, Joe, Vicky, Tom and Helen Pye

Apologies: James Platford, Helen F, Sarah L, Katie D, Katy G, Polly, Dasha, Sarah & James Plant

1.	Welcome and introductions	
2.	Acknowledge Fundraising Efforts We acknowledged the fantastic and generous fundraising efforts raised last term. We hope to keep the momentum on the fundraising but appreciate parents and people's resources may need to be paused until after the February half term.	Actions
3.	Update on funding from third parties No further update from the Church on whether funding can be provided. Helen P has some other contacts that she is awaiting responses from and will endeavour to have responses from all by February half term. Joe has been looking into grants and if the classroom could be included as a provision within local planning permissions (e.g. the solar farm). Helen P is aware of the ones that Joe has mentioned but would appreciate continued efforts to source any funds from third parties. Action: Helen P to follow up with all third parties on potential funding to provide update at the next meeting,	Actions Helen P
4.	Next proposed fundraising events Valentine Bake sale proposed to take place with the whole school contributing on Thursday 12 th February. Noted that the school lottery is ongoing. Helen P updated the meeting that we can reapply for the Tesco funding within the next few months this could be towards the new classroom. The committee had previously considered "charity roundup" with local businesses where customers have the opportunity to roundup their payment to support a charity of their business' choosing. It was mentioned that Katie D will look into this.	Actions Katie D, Mel, Tori, Polly, Helen P and Tom F

	<p>A proposed Silent Auction was discussed following the success of the Crayke and Huby school’s Silent Auction. This will require donations from parents and local businesses. Mel/Tori and Polly to draft a letter to send to parents with an accompanying Google form querying contacts and what they could donate to the Silent Auction. The auction is proposed to take place w/c 27th April.</p> <p>Discussion around a Race Night or holding a Ceilidh. Helen P to speak to the Rose and Crown to query if they would be willing to hold a Race Night.</p> <p>Mel raised the topic of sponsorship for marathons etc. To be considered by the committee if we participate or seek volunteers to participate in the York Marathon.</p> <p>Tom F will speak to Katy G about sponsorship for Tomas’ run that he is participating in this year.</p> <p>Action: Katie D to speak to local businesses (Miss Daisy’s, Il Paradiso, The Rose and Crown) if they would consider FOSS as a “roundup” option for their transactions.</p> <p>Action: Mel/Tori and Polly to draft a letter to send to parents accompanying the Google Form to gather donations for the Silent Auction</p> <p>Action: Mel to look into websites/mechanics of conducting a Silent Auction</p> <p>Action: Helen P to speak to the Rose and Crown if they would be willing to hold a Race Night</p> <p>Action: Tom F to speak to Katy G about sponsorship for Tomas’ run.</p>	
5.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>Helen P noted that she now has access to the accounts for FOSS. Mel confirmed that Polly still cannot access the account.</p> <p>Action: Helen P to speak to Barclays to ensure Polly is added to the account so that Polly can have access as Treasurer.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Helen P</p>
6.	<p>Next fundraising dates</p> <p>Valentines Bake Sale – Thursday 12th February</p> <p>Non-uniform day – Friday 13th February</p> <p>Easter fair/Beetle Drive – Thursday 26th March</p> <p>Non-uniform day – Friday 27th March</p> <p>Silent Auction – w/c 27th April</p>	<p>Actions</p>

	Race Night – date TBD, Summer Term	
7.	AOB None	
8.	Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd March at 7:30pm – Online and in person	