



Friends of Springfield School

Meeting minutes – Thursday 25th September 2025 (12-1pm)

Attendance

Present: Kim Cepeda-Wilson, Laura Armitage, Karin Stringer, Cath Fearn, Carolyn Fearn, Helen Knight, Sandie Preen, Liz Cockram

Apologies: Kate Bentley, Becca Price, Tom Protheroe

- HK opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming
- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025

Finances

- **Bank balance:** - Cath gave a round up of current balance (£12,874.79)
- **Donations/Income:** (Lottery, Easyfundraising, Astill Family Funeral Donation £410, Suzy Fearn Bonus Donation £200, Mornflake £350)

Achievements

- **Uniform Exchange** – Carolyn Fearn, Committee Member who is running the project reported that 240 pieces have been donated, there will be a stall at Parents Evening on 23rd Oct and at the Xmas Fair on 4th Dec and the Committee thanked Carolyn for all her hard work (**ACTION: CaF** to run stalls with help as needed)
- **Bingo Night** – raised £435, there will be a Race Night at the Duke of Gloucester on Friday 14th November
- **Care packages** – continue to deliver to students and families for hospital stays (**ACTION: KB** to continue)
- **Therapy Dog Visits** – really well received, but could these be something we are entitled to funding for? (**ACTION: LC** to investigate with Pets As Therapy)
- **True Friend of Springfield** – we will continue this after half term (**ACTION: HK** to continue)
- **Other:** Leavers Hoodies, Springfest, Bubble Lady, Summer BBQ, Chippy Lunch for 2KR all funded by FoS

Upcoming events/proposals

- **Halloween** – Trick or Treat and Sensory Baskets: we will be repeating last year's successful event where Committee Members dress up and visit classes offering treats for students to help themselves to as a Trick or Treat experience. Katy will make up her ever-popular sensory baskets for the three medical classes with a budget of £150 as agreed by the Committee and we will make up and deliver packs for classes who would prefer to run their own activity and to Wilmslow for their students too.



(**ACTION: HK** to appeal for and collect donations of sweets, crisps and chocolate, **KB** to make and deliver sensory baskets and purchase small sensory toys for students who would prefer non-edible treats)

- The Assembly style interview with Connor Naismith & Sixth Formers – this has been booked in with 6LC and will take place on Friday 14th November (**ACTION: HK** to work with 6LC to deliver a prep session on 7th November and Connor Naismith's office to conduct the recorded session and subsequent social media activities)
- Roberts Recycling – we need to set a new date, preferably in October before half term (**ACTION: HK** to message Emma Goodwin on eSchools to arrange)
- Christmas Fair – **Date set for Thursday 4th Dec, planning will take place at next meeting**
- **Rolling list** - Student Council, FoS fund applications, FoS 'True Friend' Nominations, Story Bags, Community Engagement Event, Caleb Memorial, Sensory Library, Business Directory, Mailing List

Date of Next Meeting

- Propose Thursday 13th November at 12pm for our AGM

If anyone has any questions or feedback, please contact Helen Knight, FoS Chairperson on 07894 786239 or helen.knight@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk