



# Friends of The Discovery School Annual General Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Attendees

Alison Stannard (AST)	Claire Caplan (CCA)
Sophie Elphick (SEL)	Selina Birch (SBI)
Steven Clack (SCL)	Sarah Brett (SBR)
Sarah Palmer (SPA)	Gillian Catt (GCA)
Marc Sargent (MSA)	Joanna La Roche (JLA)
Amy Russell (ARU)	Lou Bettridge (LBE)

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
2	<b>Apologies for absence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received from Tina Gobell, Jill Smukowich-Sargent, and Emily Rimmer</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Fundraising Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main fundraising target over the last few years have been for the MUGA where FODS have donated around £35k to the school. This has not gone ahead due to various reasons.</li> <li>• FODS would like to gain an update from the school as to whether this project is still going ahead.</li> <li>• Previous discussions were that the school needed new reading scheme books – FODS would like to assist with this project.</li> <li>• FODS were successful in winning a Tesco Grant of £1125 – this was received in August 2024. The project was initially to go towards a reading hut (hopefully supplying books will be approved instead) – this money needs to be spent within 12 months of being received.</li> <li>• FODS would also like to speak with the school about possibly funding extra activities for the school such as workshops etc.</li> </ul>	
4	<b>Treasurers Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FODS financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 23 – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 24</li> <li>• Total Income £19.5k throughout the year (generated from Christmas Fayre, Fireworks, Quiz Night, Summer Fayre, Pre-loved uniform etc.)</li> <li>• Donations included £10k to school, Year 6 leavers gifts, Year R welcome gifts.</li> <li>• Balance at end of financial year £7.7k</li> <li>• FODS have not made a pledge to donate any funds to the school this financial year until existing projects have been costed to see where any shortfall might be required and fund raising plans for the year have been confirmed with the headteacher. The FODS Chairperson(s) will arrange a meeting with Miss Gobell.</li> <li>• Year end accounts have all been filed and independently audited. These are all available to view via the Charity Commission website</li> </ul>	



4	<p><b>Election of Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBI and SEL step down as Joint Chairpersons</li> <li>• ARU and LBE elected as Joint Chairpersons</li> <li>• SBR elected as Vice Chair</li> <li>• JLA elected as Secretary.</li> <li>• SCL elected as Treasurer.</li> <li>• CCA elected as Vice Treasurer</li> <li>• Confirmation received from Alison Stannard, Sarah Palmer, Marc Sargent, Jill Smukowich-Sargent, Sophie Elphick, Selina Birch to remain as part of the committee.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Fundraising Target for 2025/26 and Focus / Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered during the previous section of meeting.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication to be sent out announcing change in roles, distribution of minutes and link to Charity Commission</li> </ul>	ARU / LBE