



## FREDs AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

### Parents:

Alistair Williams (AW)  
Karen Korna (KK)  
Rati Gill (RG)  
Sudhir Bijlwan (SuB)  
Soren Sturup-Toft (SST)

Eilidh Williams (EW)  
John Peterson-Clark (JPC)  
Ruth Madu (RM)  
Sara Burton (SaB)  
Tanya Roberts (TR)

### Teachers:

Debbie Andrew (DA)

Jonathan Parsons (JP)

### FREDs Overview

For the benefit of the attendees, EW gave a brief overview of what FREDs does and stands for.

**Action:** The FREDs Mission Statement needs reviewing and updating where necessary.  
**Owner EW/TR**

### Events

EW gave a recap of the events organised by FREDs in 2017/2018, and a discussion was had around each event regarding what worked well and what could be improved upon.

#### Welcome BBQ

Last year there was a complaint about the lack of vegetarian food. This year we will be serving meat sausages and burgers, and vegetarian burgers (cooked separately from the meat).

**Action:** Find out how many children are vegetarian so that we can ensure we have enough for all. Tracy Glass has this information. **Owner DA**

#### Cross Country Refreshments

FREDs contributed to the cross country refreshments at Reading Blue Coat last year, but it was not very well organised from the school's perspective and rather costly to FREDs, both financially and time-wise. This is something that we would not look to do this year.

**Action:** Mr Suttie to be asked whether we are expected to do the refreshments again this year. **Owner EW**

#### Quiz Night

This worked well last year, but it was all a bit of a rush to sell tickets at the last minute. The turnout was good, but we need to think about the food aspect a bit better. Fish and chips are a definite no, but what about pies from Sweeney Todds? This would need organising in advance to ensure orders were received and placed. We will set up Quiz team with those interested in organising and planning.

#### Christmas Film Afternoon

JP asked why the boys seemed to be unable to sit and watch the film showing without having to have extra things to do – for example making Christmas cards. This aspect

puts more pressure on both the FREDs volunteers and the teachers present. KK also asked how we can ensure the parents turn up on time to pick up their boys, as this also puts more pressure on the volunteers. Both queries need to be thought about before the next film afternoon in December.

### **Mother's Day Sale**

This worked really well, and we will be doing it again this year. EW bought a lot of the presents in the Christmas sales, which meant that the boys had an excellent selection to choose from. The same thing will be done this year, but EW would like some support in the purchasing.

### **Superman Sale**

Unfortunately this didn't go as well as the Mother's Day sale, perhaps because of the name of the event? We would like to do it again, but with a few tweaks.

**Action:** Mr Suttie to be asked whether we can call it Father's Day sale this year.  
**Owner EW**

**Action:** JP to find out what 'home clothes day' plans there are for this year, and whether we might be able to incorporate that with the Father's Day sale? Maybe a charity that is particularly for men – for example Prostate Cancer UK? **Owner JP**

**Post Meeting Note:** JP confirmed that the next 'home clothes day' is planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> September, where the boys will have the opportunity to wear home clothes for a donation of £1 which will go towards the MacMillan Cancer Support charity. **Action closed**

### **Chocolate Tombola**

This has worked really well in the past, but last year there were some issues. A discussion was had as to how we could make it work better. Perhaps FREDs purchases a present per boy and the boys then make a cracker each during an art class, with their 'present' inside. These would then be given out randomly before the end of the term before Christmas.

**Action:** Mr Suttie to be asked whether this is something we could organise. **Owner EW**

### **Summer Fete**

Everyone agreed that this was a roaring success, even though there was slightly less going on than the year before. There was a discussion around the silent auction and how we could make this work better – giving time for planning ahead of the event rather than a last minute decision! Overall though, more volunteers would be good but that was about the only negative comment made.

### **School Productions**

A suggestion was made as to whether FREDs could provide the refreshments for school productions.

**Action:** EW to speak to Tracy Glass at the end of the Easter term regarding refreshments.  
**Owner EW**

### **Uniforms**

Due to the change in some of the uniform this year, the question was raised as to what we should do with it. Ruth raised a concern about selling the more expensive items for £1, as previously the thought was that, due to the amount of uniform in the shed we would sell everything at £1 at the second hand uniform sale taking place at the welcome BBQ on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The committee discussed this, and the outcome was that most of the uniform could be sold at £1 or less, but items such as the winter rain macs, prep track top and bottoms etc., should be half their usual price for this occasion.

**Action:** TR to produce a new price list for RM / RG to review and approve. **Owner TR**

**Post Meeting Note:** TR produced a new price list to be used at the welcome BBQ. **Action closed**

**Action:** JP to find out what old style uniform can still be used, and for how long, in order for us to ascertain what to do with it. **Owner JP**

**Post Meeting Note:** It is fine to sell the old blazers as the school is fazing them out. There is not a cut-off point at the moment for them. It is also fine to sell the blue games tops as these can be used for training sessions but pupils need to have the new games top for matches. However, if there are any old red rugby shirts they are not to be sold or used. **Action closed**

Any complaints about the uniform need to be sent to Tracy Glass, especially with regards to Stevensons, and what they are advertising on their website.

A comment was made about the state of some of the uniform donations that we are receiving from parents, and a plea from RM / RG that only uniform that is clean and undamaged be donated. Too many items are not suitable for selling due to the condition they are received in.

## **Finances**

KK ran through the finances for the year, with a comparison to the last two years books. The account is looking very healthy, with some excellent income received from various events throughout the year. The finances are in a good position for this coming year.

**Action:** KK to find out the charity for Mrs Silcock in order for the money raised from the Mother's Day sale to be donated on behalf of FREDs. **Owner KK**

**Action:** Mr Suttie to be consulted regarding spending FREDs money on the playground and theatre trip contribution. **Owner EW**

A question was raised about the small garden area by the side gate and whether FREDs funds should be used for that, but the conclusion was that it would be better spent elsewhere.

Funds are also going towards the theatre outings for the boys, Matilda for the older boys and a pantomime for the younger boys.

KK has decided to stand down as Treasurer for FREDs. EW passed on her thanks to KK for all the hard work that she has done, with a hope that KK will still remain as part of the FREDs committee as she has been a valuable member of the team.

**Action:** KK to do a handover to the new Treasurer. **Owner KK**

## **Christmas Cards / Mugs**

SST has already got the ball rolling for the Christmas cards / mugs for this year, and is in conversation with DA.

## **Class Reps**

We have a class rep for all years, except Pre-Reception.

Pre-Reception	TBC
Reception	Clíodhna Kennedy
Year One	Tanya Roberts
Year Two	Sarah Gower
Year Three	Karen Korna
Year Four	Soren Sturup-Toft
Year Five	Ruth Madu
Year Six	Rati Gill

**Action:** JP to ask Miss Cromore to speak to the Pre-Reception parents and see if anyone is interested in taking this on. **Owner JP**

**Post Meeting Note:** Miss Cromore will speak to her parents about becoming the class rep.  
**Action Closed**

### Committee Members

EW ran through the list of the Committee Members and what the role descriptions for each position.

Position	2017/2018	2018/2019
Chair	Eilidh Williams	Eilidh Williams
Vice Chair	Sara Burton	Sara Burton
Secretary	Julie Provino	Tanya Roberts
Treasurer	Karen Korna / Senthil Mani	Julie Provino / Sudhir Bijlwan
Culture	Soren Sturup-Toft	Soren Sturup-Toft
Comms	Tanya Roberts	Senthil Mani
Pre-Loved Uniforms	Ruth Madu / Jana Halek	Rati Gill / Ruth Madu

**Action:** We need more volunteers, so all FREDs to spread the word and encourage people to help out where possible. **Owner ALL**

It would be useful to have a staff rep on the committee, maybe the St Edwards staff could take it in turns to attend meetings and represent the school?

**Action:** JP to put this forward to the St Edwards staff as a suggestion. **Owner JP**

### Website

The FREDs page on the St Edwards website is out of date and needs a refresh, with the FREDs logo to be added. Maybe the committee and class reps could be included, along with dates of meetings and events taking place during the year.

**Action:** Website review to be done by TR, approved by the committee and provided to Tracy Glass for uploading. **Owner TR**

### WhatsApp Group

As we have a new FREDs committee, EW to set up a new group on WhatsApp.

**Action:** EW to set up a new group on WhatsApp. **Owner EW**



**Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 8.00 p.m. at Southcote Beefeater**