

## SOCA MEETING MINUTES - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 6pm

**Attendees ;** Joss, Paul, Hazel, Debs, Richard - Welcome new members ; Lynne and Janet ( school staff members)

**Apologies ;** Helen

**Matters arising / minutes of last meeting ;** As this is first meeting this year and since the Chair stepped down it was decided to re-start SOCA from scratch so NFAR

**Treasurers report ;** £3152 currently in our bank account £400 of which is a grant that needs to be spent on outdoor equipment for the bungalow area of school. **Richard** is to re-start the new bank account application with Virgin Bank.

**Summary of SOCA / Positions to fill and how to attract new members :** **Joss** has agreed to step in as a temporary Chair until a new one can be found. We discussed giving SOCA a push with the new year 7 parents coming up this September and trying to attract new members via the parent communications from school over the next few months. **Joss & Paul** to arrange & **Hazel** to keep pushing via SOCA social media. **Lynne** has good connections with parents of SEN pupils so will also promote SOCA with them too.

### **Upcoming events / New events to promote SOCA;**

\*School production – wk comm 10<sup>th</sup> July – SOCA will hold the usual bar/ refreshments/ raffle

\*Awards evening Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – SOCA to provide refreshments

\*Summer raffle via parentkind to promote to staff/ parents

\*We discussed holding a disco for Year 7's in the summer term as they have missed out on a lot of social events. **Janet** found out from Miss Elmer they will need full access to theatre 2 weeks before school production and last exam will be June 16<sup>th</sup> so we need to set date between those two – then we can ask for volunteers from staff members / SOCA members – date to be set at next meeting.

\*Also we discussed holding a chess tournament as an alternative social event – again to be held in the summer term- date and details to be discussed at next meeting.

### **Requests for funding;**

\*Caroline Farrand asked for funds to buy spare knickers for stock at school – this was voted on and agreed – **Lynne** ordered and will be refunded by Joss / Treasurer

\* It was agreed that we need to spend some of the SOCA funds around various departments in school to promote SOCA to raise the profile with the staff / students. **Joss** to email staff to ask for requests- and to stress we only have limited funds available so no promises can be made !!– once requests received, we can vote at next meeting.

### **Date for next meeting / AGM ; Set for 27<sup>th</sup> April 6pm**

(After meeting Debs suggested we send Claire flowers as a thank you for taking Chair role – Joss contacted Claire for her address but she asked we use the funds for SOCA purposes instead)