



Friends of Looe Community Academy (FOLCA)

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday 17 March 2026

Time: 3.45-4.55pm

Location: LCA

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present :

Ellie Jackson, Sarah Barker, Celine Lefebvre, Beth Haresnape, Claire Marshall, Rachel Rowe, Kristy Hurnell, Ellie Russell-Hsieh, Jenny Runnals, Sam Day

Apologies:

Naomi, Steph, Jen Coysh, Beefi, Ali B,

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees, noting the parents here represented approx. 20 children of the school.

She recalls the aim of FOLCA: strengthening the links between parents, parents and Academy, parents, Academy and locals.

She reminded us that more members could be welcomed to the Committee.

2. Recap of AGM and PTA set-up – Parentkind membership

EJ (the Chair) has had confirmation from Paul Boyes (Headteacher) that the school will provide with the costs of membership (around £170).

As a reminder, Parentkind is a UK wide PTA support group that helps with:

- Insurance and legal protection
- Expert advice and templates
- Fundraising support and resources
- Networking and Community
- Grant and support

The chair and the members thank the principal.

3. Grant funding update

EJ has filed an application for the £ 5000 grant from Southeast Cornwall Community Funding. The object of the funding being Sound / Lights / Storing has been put into question as it had to benefit the whole community.

The object could be changed for a Recording studio (as per Mr Collins – Music Teacher – advice) and it could be opened to the community.

Claire Marshall has offered her help with grant applications.

Additional potential funding sources were noted:

- Renting the boxing gym: not sufficient – it has to be used more by the Community than by the school
- Lions club could help with instruments and trips
- West Looe Trust?

4. Paul Boyes funding application – gym and Ipads

Around 40 ipads = £ 15000

The members discussed how Folca could help, what are our aims, what kind of help could we provide, what strategically are our points in order to help efficiently?

5. Fundraising ambition and capacity

After discussions and exchange, different ideas came up:

- Massive games: Jenga... to do at lunch time / Contact with Looe Shedders
- Young shedders to be set up: Folca could help promote (corner garden)
- Support ideas to be put up during lunch time
- Links with the community
- Prom first Event: Bus (school and Lions club – EJ)
- Link with Student Council (Sam Day)
- Preloved Uniforms / Library / Facebook (EJ)
- Group of Come and Read (EJ)

The members of Folca have decided to start with supporting little projects that make sense for the school, the students, and the community.

6. Treasurers Report

Sarah Barker (SB) presented the report:

- Bank account opened
- £4 per month
- EJ + SB + Mr Boyes = signature
- Sum up machine (£20 instead of £30 with parentkind + policies of use)

Folca members have decided unanimously to order a Sum up machine and put up a Policy for handling money (through ParentKind).

(but we need to think about actions to bring money into the account).

7. Planning our first PTA event

Sam Day (SD) presented the Dance show which will be held on April 1st.

- Volunteers needed: Front Welcome / Sale / Audience
- Raffle for the gym / London Marathon Mr Deacon / Skatepark

8. Next steps and actions

Folca members asked SD (with details and prices) to provide a

- Wish list from teachers / departments
- Wish list from students

It could concern trips, opportunities, people coming in.

9. Any other business

Businesses award evening is going to be organised during this school year.

Folca members asked the school to choose a date (eventually early July) and select 4/5 students per year group and Folca will organise the event:

- Link with businesses
- Award
- Event invitations

10. Date of next meeting

Folca members asked that the Minutes of the meeting should be shared with other parents: on Website after approval by mail

A continuous update through Facebook is appreciated.

The Chair thanked everyone for their time and support.

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.