



# Football Supporters Group

## Meeting Minutes

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<b>Date and time:</b>	21 January 2024, 6:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Sutton Building – St Paul's School
<b>Attendance:</b>	Amanda Carter, Janet Payne, Lisa Smith, Janet Payne, Chris Bevin, Stephen Brown, Craig Norton, Paul Carroll, Karl McLaren, Linda Bevin
<b>Apologies</b>	Simone Zylstra, Belinda Merchant, Rowena Derksen

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### Acknowledgement of service – Trevor Wendt

In recognition of Trevor's contribution to FSG and St Paul's sporting teams, Amanda proposed the creation of the 'Trevor Wendt Memorial Award' that would be presented to the best football player on Blue Day.

*Action: Amanda to discuss the proposal, to be funded annually by the FSG, with Chloe Litherland, Head of Sport Development.*

### Confirmation of previous FSG meeting minutes

Moved by Janet Payne, seconded by Lisa Smith

There were no matters arising from the AGM minutes.

### President's / Vice President's report

Girls will be supplied with a playing shirt (1<sup>st</sup> team players are supplied with their own kit by the school, other teams share kits with the boys) and training shirts are to be supplied by FSG.

As per the discussion at last year's AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> November, the sports department will be co-ordinating the design and ordering of all 1<sup>st</sup> playing kits to ensure uniformity of design and quality and also to strengthen ties with preferred suppliers. As such, we are unable to honour Brisbane Yamaha's sponsorship of printing their logo on the 1<sup>st</sup> Girls' team shirts. Alternative ways must be sorted to promote sponsors. Options include:

- An alternative kit or bibs with sponsors' logos to distinguish our teams when we play against other schools with similar uniforms.

- Marquee with replaceable sponsors' logos on roof panels or strips. The price for a strip with Yamaha logo, which can be attached to a marquee is \$179. Pricing for a new marquee with four roof panels for logos is attached. All agreed to the purchase of a strip with Yamaha logo. As a new marquee is expensive to purchase, the group agreed to approach other sporting groups within the school to determine if they are sponsored by the same companies, and to consider sharing the cost of a sponsored gazebo that can be used for more than one sport or season.

*Action: Lisa to purchase strip and contact other sporting groups to discuss the proposal of a sponsored gazebo.*

*Everyone to consider other ways to promote sponsors.*

## **Head of Football report**

FSG welcomed Stephen Brown as the Head of Football for the girls' season.

Confirmation of this term's coaches:

- Year 7 - John O'Sullivan-Williams
- Year 8 – Ella
- Intermediate – Maddie
- First – Phil

Yubo – TBC (co-share coaching with Phil or coach another team)

Almost 100 girls registered and about 60-65 girls attended training.

Chloe attended the TAS sports meeting:

- SPS can fill two senior and two immediate teams
- Other schools can only fill one team for each grade/level which means some senior and intermediate girls will miss out in joining a team

Due to the large number of girls wanting to play but not enough teams at other schools, trials will be used to select teams. The existing approach is that everyone who wants to play can play which is a different approach to selection based on performance. The group discussed various options with the extra players and team selection:

- Basketball needs more players. Girls who miss out could transfer to basketball. However, girls who signed up for football wants to play football and transferring to basketball may discourage them from signing up next year.
- Consider organising games against community teams/clubs or 5-aside as other TAS schools
- TAS rule requires 11 players on the field plus five subs (total of 16 squad players). Stephen is proposing the concept of a squad of 20 players for each team. Additional players can train with the team and fill in when some of the core squad players are unable to play.

*Action: Stephen to discuss the concept of squad of 20 players with Chloe.*

Teams will be filled and announced in the coming days.

Stocktake undertaken of all equipment and stored in the shed. There are approx. 50 balls. The goal is to get another 25 to 30 balls, one for each player, some extra equipment and bibs (two colours per team).

Confirmed the school will provide and fund linesman for all home games.

### **Treasurer's report**

Bank balance of \$24,892.92

Outstanding invoices - 2024 girls training shirts (approx. \$3K) and Boys 2023 1<sup>st</sup> XI Coach (TBC).

### **General business**

There are three home games and all agreed to run canteens again. First canteen will be on 10 February.

### **Other items**

Karl to speak with an external group about possibility of playing bagpipes at home games and to discuss with the Music department and seek approval from the school Executive for an external group to perform at school events. *Action Karl.*

On 19 January, an email went out from school advising of the upcoming changes to consolidate all supporters groups' social media pages into one account to be managed by the school including posting on behalf of everyone involved. FSG members agreed it is not the best approach as parents want to receive information relevant to the sport for which their child/children are involved. Consolidation will dilute messaging from supporters groups. Social media is also the key tool for our group to communicate targeted information e.g. baked goods for canteen and volunteers, requests to help transport players to / from games etc. Will the school coordinate these activities on our behalf? The groups thoughts will be passed back to the school and Sebastiaan to communicate with the school. *Action Amanda.*

Team & parent volunteer to organise washing of kits following games. Appointment of team manager. Printout of roster in the kit (laminated card along with equipment list). *Action Lisa.*

**Meeting closed at 7.40pm.**

**Next meeting 21 February at 6.30pm.**