



Football Supporters Group

Meeting Minutes

Date and time:	20 March, 6:30pm
Location:	Sutton Building – St Paul's School
Attendance:	Amanda Carter, Janet Payne, Lisa Smith, Chris Bevin, Craig Norton, Paul Carroll, Linda Bevin
Apologies	Stephen Brown, Simone Zylstra, Belinda Merchant, Rowena Derksen

Confirmation of previous FSG meeting minutes (meeting held on 21 February 2024)

Moved by Lisa Smith and seconded by Amanda Carter

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

President's report

Order has been placed to purchase training jerseys for boys and JTAS.

FSG was approached to contribute money to purchase and install a new scoreboard. Sources of funding and ownership were discussed as well as an alternative option of a trailer version offering wider usage of the sign. Based on the limited use, all agreed that FSG will not contribute.

Vice President's report

See Attachment 1 for Vice President's report.

Key points:

- Due to timing and availability of coaches, parents to help out etc, the informal end-of-season break-up will be postponed to end of Term 3.
- Organise a survey to seek feedback on the girls' season and to get an indicative number of girls wanting to play next year.
- Indication from school is that they'd like supporters' groups to continue to fund raise for training shirts and other items/services to support players.

Treasurer's report

Invoices sent to Morgans and Chemist Direct for sponsorship.

Head of Football report

See Attachment 2 for Head of Football report.

General business

Due to the oversupply of soft drinks purchased for the season, girls will be offered a free drink at the end of their game on Saturday.

Seeking a canteen co-ordinator for the boys' season.

Discussion on ways to get more volunteers to help in the canteen:

- Head of Football's weekly game information email to include information for parents/volunteers to sign up
- Use of volunteer software such as <https://volunteersignup.org/> to make it easier for parents to volunteer.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Next meeting 29 May at 6.30pm. Note. April meeting will be cancelled.

Attachment 1

FSG Vice Report on girl's season

Attendance / sign on:

Sign on = 90, good numbers for 1st and Intermediates but struggled for G8 and especially G7. Comments?

How do we gauge numbers for next season? Talking to Chloe, next year could have a 1st, 2nd, intermediate, G8 and G7 team- to confirm. Do we use this as a guide for shirt numbers etc.

Role of FSG:

I have noticed that with the change in leadership that there is a shift in the willingness of the school to be more involved with sporting endeavours. This is apparent with the concept of a sports dinner being reintroduced as well as surveying and prioritizing sporting facilities. This is great and has led me to wonder what our role as a committee is going forward, how is our input wanted or best facilitated.

*I feel the girl's season could be better integrated with the cricket supporters' group around a joint / shared canteen.

*Where are we at with sponsorship packages moving forward – do we still want this, does it need to change? What can we offer?

* End of season break up has been difficult to co-ordinate with dates this year as well as accommodating all parties – FSG/ Coaches/ school calendar. Tonight, I would like to propose a joint casual session with JSG, boys and girls. This could look like a sausage sizzle and 5- a side comp in the walker centre in terms 3 after school towards the end of season- music etc. This could work well with the proposed formal dinner for 1st team, coaches and committee.

Thank you:

Stephen Brown: Head of football, your efforts here have been noticed and appreciate by the whole of the football community- thank you. I have appreciated your approachability and professionalism in growing a community of respect and engagement in this great sport.

Coaches: Phillip, Yubo, Maddie, Ella, Abby and John; Thank you all for your time, efforts and enthusiasm.

Committee: Amanda, Janet and Linda as well as the broader committee for your input and support through out the term.

Lisa Smith

Attachment 2

Football Coordinator Report – Term 1 2024 (20/03/24)

Well, we are in the final week of Girls Football for 2024. It has been an amazing and encouraging season. Most importantly, we have seen our girls grow in confidence and resilience.

It is fair to say that we've had some mixed results. Our Year 7 team had their first win (5-1 vs JPC) and have become a much more cohesive unit fighting out hard fought losses against some very good sides. Coaches John O'Sullivan Williams and Abi Bold are excited to see this group improve as they catch up to their rivals in maturity next year. They placed 6th in their division and have a chance to win the 5th place playoff game.

Our Year 8 team went through the season undefeated finishing in 1st place. This means that they will play a home final this weekend for the TAS Premiership. This team has struggled for numbers this year but have been outstanding in their commitment and support of each other. Coach Ella Lawson has been a wonderful support who has fostered a fun loving, yet competitive culture amongst this group.

Our Intermediate team started the season very well but has struggled a little towards the end of the season. They have played the best sides of late and have put in great efforts. I have been impressed with their determination to stick together and support each other when things haven't gone their way. Coach Madaline Finney, has encouraged the girls to remain steadfast in their commitment and I'm confident they can finish the season well this weekend. They finished 5th in their division and will play off to remain in that place this weekend.

Finally, our Senior 1st Team has been outstanding in their attitude remaining upbeat and positive through a tough season. They won their first game against JPC 2-1 in an arm wrestle game. Their commitment to defend with all their might in the last 5 minute was incredible to behold. They have also pushed several top teams including Ormiston by only going down 1-0. Coach Phil Hughes has been great with the girls, encouraging them to develop their basic skills as many have never played football before. They finished 7th in their division.

Also, thank you for the support of the Football Supporters Group. The amazing positive encouragement of this wonder parents' group has been pivotal in providing a nurturing environment for our community. I've also appreciated the beverages and snacks at our café tent! Thank you for putting up with me as I had to quickly learn the role from scratch.

I want to thank the coaches for their commitment and devotion in supporting our students. A great coach is one who serves others and sacrifices their own time, energy, and pride (when things don't go as planned), to lift up our wonderful young girls. Sport is about building character! Not only for the participants, but for coaches, parents, and supporters. My measure of success is simply this, have we grown in unity and character as a community this season? My resounding answer to this is 'Yes'.

Finally, thank you all again for supporting the players, the coaches, and parents, and myself. It has been a wonderful team effort.

Stephen Brown

Head of Football (Term 1 – Girls Football)