

## **Minutes from Durris Primary and Crossroad Nursery AGM**

**Held via Microsoft Teams 6.30pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Present: Lynne Giles, Claire Stutter, Sarah Stewart, Catriona Woodburn, Dawn Rippiner, Aynsley Watson, Bridget Rhodes, Tara Ewart

Apologies: David Groundwater

### **School Update**

- See attached School Improvement Plan and Accounts Information.
- School are progressing with Talk for Writing. Further training was planned for November although this has been pushed back.
- Rights Respecting, we were due a Silver inspection, assessment is now to be done online and this is being developed.
- Seesaw is being well used and Mrs Wallace is becoming an ambassador. Miss Peach is at Pioneer level which is level below ambassador.
- Maths No Problem is the new maths systems the school are using and which is working well. Great resource for teachers.
- Bounce Back – this looks at health and wellbeing and provides a programme to follow. 2 lessons a week are being done.
- The current Council Advice is to focus on health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy. This was already the focus in our School Improvement Plan so well placed for this.
- Only about half of the child questionnaires were returned. The information is really useful for staff especially during these times so we could consider why the return rate was so low, would a different format be better?
- There will be no out of school trips in near future and no residential trip this year.
- Planning playground improvements and submitting a Tesco Grounds for Learning Grant Application later this term or in Term 2.
- Council only allowing outside lets for foreseeable future.

### **Staffing Update**

- Nursery  
Mrs Ingram (Senior Practitioner- working across Crossroads/Drumoak), Mrs Ogilvie (Lead Practitioner), Mrs Duncan (Early Years Practitioner) and Mrs McKenzie (Early Years Practitioner, part-time)

- Primary 1/2  
Mrs Hannaford now 4 days a week (Tues-Fri) / Mrs Wallace (Mon)
- Primary 3/4  
Miss Peach
- Primary 5/6/7  
Mrs Giles (Mon, Fri and alternating Thurs) / Mrs Wallace (Tues, Wed and alternating Thurs)
- Mrs Bamford – working 23 hrs a week
- Non Class Contact Teaching – variety of teachers covering at present. Mrs Jardine for Drama and Mr Martinez for Spanish and PE.
- Recorder – not currently taking place due to Covid restrictions. Gaynor Whyte has decided to step down after many years volunteering

### **Nursery Update**

- Very fortunate to have 1140 budget to spend on lots of lovely new resources – the children helped to decide what to buy.
- Complete refurb of the indoor area – new kitchen, flooring, old units ripped out, new external doors, painting, new changing area
- Outdoors – new fencing, new gate, new secure entrance
- Prior to lock down – had started our expansion of hours and were offering full days to all our children – they were really enjoying having lunch with their friends and spending more time in Nursery – we had only been offering this for two weeks when lock down began
- Natalie & Aileen worked super hard to be ready for our safe return in August – they are just delighted to have children back! All the children and new families have settled in really well – lovely to see happy, content children who are loving being at nursery
- We have 9 children at present, able to take 16 in total – this number may increase with further split placements if the conditions are relaxed – we may have some January and April starts too
- Currently offering 600hrs – 5 x morning sessions
- Will increase to 900hrs after October holidays which will allow parents further choice in what they would like of longer days and mornings
- No date yet for when we can increase to 1140, but certainly won't be before Christmas

### **Swimming Club**

- 39 children swam regularly in club last year.

- We have 4 teachers + 1 helper
- Parent help is needed to keep the club running, especially with new COVID regulations. For parents interested in helping please contact Dawn Rippiner.
- Swimming club currently unable to use Banchory Sports Village pool due to COVID, hoping to restart later this year.

### **Football**

- During the 2019/2020 we made fantastic progress across all three teams with some great performances in the local tournaments and league matches- well done to all those involved.
- It was great to be joined by the vast majority of P1's and also some new recruits from across the school.
- This year we will once again be running 3 teams. C's –P1-P3, B's- P4&P5 and A's- P6&P7 and hope to enter teams into local tournaments and leagues when the COVID restrictions ease
- This year we have launched a new website where parents should register to the club and follow the simple registrations details. We will also be able to post regular updates, fixtures, news and even match reports. Register here:  
<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/durrisschoolfc/>
- The website also includes the club code of conduct and Covid guidelines for coaches, parents and players.
- Coaches- Claire, David and Sarah are now qualified to Scottish FA Level 1.2. David has completed the COVID officer E-learning course via Sport Scotland with other coaches to complete it too.
- If you'd like to join the coaching team get in touch: [durrisschoolfootballteam@gmail.com](mailto:durrisschoolfootballteam@gmail.com)
- There will be a £10 annual fee per family to help with associated coaching, equipment, cleaning and hire costs.
- Finances: Club have a charity account. Current Balance £847.50. Last year we invested in new equipment, including complete set of new balls, training for coaches and contribution towards the cost of new strips although the majority of this was met through sponsorship.

### **Parents' Committee**

- Current balance: £2650
- Ceilidh: will be offering a refund as this event is no longer viable in the coming months
- Events from last session: Dons Day Out, Mums' night out – both very well attended enjoyable events for all

- Had to cancel the ceilidh and BBQ which are usually big fundraising events for the school.
- Committee are looking for a new treasurer – volunteers required! Big thanks to Drew Hendry for his many years in this role!
- We will have to be very creative to hold events this year to raise vital funds to support school.

### **Friends of Durris Primary and Crossroads Nursery**

- No new member applications had been submitted
- We require a representative from Nursery as current members children now all within School. Email to go out requesting representative.
- Time period for holding office blank in constitution. DR proposed that this was changed to 3 years. EI and AW seconded that. LG to update constitution.
- BR proposed that DR be Chairperson. Seconded by AW and SS.
- CS proposed that SS be Secretary. Seconded by DR and EI.
- DR proposed that EI be Treasurer. Seconded by SS.
- SS proposed that CW be Vice-Chair. Seconded by DR.

**End of AGM**