

FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY
Minutes of Meeting held via Google Meet on 12th November 2020

Present: Lynne Giles, Sarah Stewart, Elaine Ingram, Dawn Rippiner, Catriona Woodburn, Bridget Rhodes, Claire Stutter, Yi-pei Turvey

Apologies:

	<u>Actions</u>
<p>1. <u>Minutes and Correspondence</u></p> <p>Minutes from last meeting approved and no correspondence was noted. Yi-pei Turvey welcomed as new member.</p> <p>2. <u>Head Teacher Update</u></p> <p>Staffing – government funding been made available for Covid-19 recovery, equates to 0.2fte/1 day a week. Preferred candidate appointed, awaiting usual HR checks, hopefully start later this term. Will work across the school – supporting children with regards to emotional/social/attainment needs.</p> <p>INSET – will be virtual, for both school and nursery. Crossroads staff have signed up to a variety of courses being provided by the authority. Durris staff will be continuing to work on implementing Talk for writing and Maths No Problem.</p> <p>Seesaw – if using the free version (which we were and advised not to buy the paid version earlier in year) have to cease using on 20 Nov. Still awaiting guidance on a council approved replacement. For weekly work update and homework teachers will send an email on either Monday/Tuesday of the week with information, until a replacement is in place.</p> <p>Nursery – increasing hours to 1140 as of Mon 23/11. Questionnaire currently out for parents to complete to indicate hours required. Hopefully Mrs Ingram will be back in a fortnight.</p> <p>Christmas – no church or party at the hall this year. Hoping to have virtual celebration, which will be recorded and shared – still investigating this as will not have Seesaw, but possibly via Vimeo. Parties will be in classrooms. Please do not send in cards to share around. Request is in with Morrisons for the food for the class parties and there will be a present for each classroom being provided by the Parents’ Committee.</p> <p>Playground funding – Tesco grant is in for water wall, easy access storage for children and mud kitchen.</p> <p>IT update – new advice regarding what to do to improve whiteboard quality. New projector for one class and new bulbs ordered for other. Also new attached speakers for 2 classes and the hall. Checked with windfarm regarding slight change of spend they have approved as spend still on IT. Windfarm fund also advised we should apply for more money as there was still money sitting in pot. EI to investigate further. LG to ascertain what the school is due in terms of an IT refresh as new ipads are required. LG to advise EI of what is required.</p> <p>Parents’ Evening – teachers believe the phone calls were well received. Nice to catch up with everyone. For our next one in early Term 3 will use a site called Parents Booking. Demo to watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tlfc_BAF1yg&feature=youtu.be</p>	<p>EI/LG</p>

3. After School Club

DR advised she is on the whats app group with Drumoak but there is a general feeling we cannot progress this in the current COVID situation given we cannot use school property and other halls etc are not currently doing lets. Also the demand is lower given most people are working from home. DR will arrange a zoom call with parents to establish what the requirements would be should working from home come to an end and we can find a hall to hold it.

DR

4. Travel the World Fundraiser

SS advised this is now up and running, slow uptake but more seem to be aware now and are contributing their miles. Really just want to get all parents/ families engaged because the more we do, the more we share our just giving page the more donations we are likely to receive for us and Charlie House.

LG happy to engage with the children and tot up distances etc and will consider how may contribute via outdoor time with children at school.

5. Nursery

Update from YT. Parents wondering whether Council will clear pine needles in car park. Mrs Giles will check if council will, or parents may volunteer to. Otherwise all going well with parents respecting COVID measures.

6. AOCB

EI advised Parents Committee were successful with bid for £1000 with King George V Community Fund. This £1000 requires to be match funded which the Parents Committee will do and the funds are to be spent on outdoor equipment for the school. School will now order the items.

LG advised the school have been given details of a free panto – Aladdin – being done via the Tivoli so will look to include that for the children pre-Christmas.

DR advised no update on when swimming may recommence. Also running club will be reviewed as a cluster decision after Christmas.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th January 2021.

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