

FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY
Minutes of Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 27th May 2021

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

Apologies: Catriona Woodburn

	<u>Actions</u>
<p>1. <u>Minutes and Correspondence</u></p> <p>Minutes from last meeting approved and no correspondence was noted.</p> <p>2. <u>Head Teacher Update</u></p> <p>Staffing: LG reducing to 4 days, as of Aug '21, initially for a year. LG/DR and QIO – Deborah Masson to interview for post in week beginning 07/06.</p> <p>Marvellous Me: Started using in school. Aiming to post at least once/twice a week this term. Not as user friendly as Seesaw, or as interactive for the children. As a tool to start the learning conversation at home it serves its purpose.</p> <p>Playground funding: Water Wall has arrived. Will aim to have more loose parts play but will launch this next school session.</p> <p>Reporting this session: Will look very different following two periods of national lockdown. Will consist of a very limited paper report with information on levels followed by a 10-minute phone call on week beginning 31 May.</p> <p>Return to school and Term 4: Whole school technology topic has been going really well, linked with HWB (mostly centred around what was known as Living and Growing) using RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood website - https://rshp.scot/)</p> <p>Transition For nursery – learning pack going home to new P1s, will also have a power point tour of school sent home. Empty buildings visit planned for later in June, at the end of the school day. For Academy – online videos, Teams page, empty building tour, guidance teacher visiting in early June, transition meeting for staff with guidance team with P7 teachers (virtual)</p> <p>Next year: Currently looking like 3 classes initially, details of split before end of term.</p> <p>End of term: Had Sports Day –in school, potted sports – went well. P7 – details of activities (including P5/6s) will be posted out nearer the time. No large end of term assembly/church etc due to Covid-19 restrictions. We have planned a week of fun – but at no cost to parents.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Second Hand Uniform</u></p> <p>BI advised that the Academy are doing this and in future hope to include feeder primaries. Meantime we could do something at school where clothes are donated and parents sign up to a slot to come in and review items. Agreed that we should expand to include all clothes not just school uniform and that donations to the school fund would be welcomed but not required.</p> <p>AW asked about badged school cardigans and LG will enquire to see if this is</p>	LG

possible.

LG also advised that she was happy for leavers hoodies to be ordered at the start of the year for the children to get the best use of them.

4. New Families

LG advised that current school roll sitting at 48 so right on cusp of going down to 2 classes so encouraging new families should be considered.

DI advised that Chair of Drumoak Parent Council is picking up after school care again following COVID as parents there are asking for it and they are likely to go back to Great Western again to see if they can provide care

Agreed that we should reissue the survey to get an up to date feel for need in the area and where possible get the survey out to families who are not already part of the school community.

EI to contact Care Commission to see whether the school can be used to host an after school club. Discussion over whether the playgroup room at Crossroads could be used so gives us 3 potential options being school, Drumoak and Crossroads.

EI and DR to update survey.

Consider getting survey out via local newsletter and on our facebook page etc.

5. AOB

LG mentioned use of a community notice board. It would cost about £500 to install, she has sourced one for free and we just have to pay for it to go in. Another way to disseminate information around the community.

CW had put forward an item for consideration regarding greenspace behind the school. All agreed that we were happy for CW to write and threaten to take details to the press to see if that would result in any action being taken by the developer or the Council. LG advised that in current condition area could not be used by the school. LG to investigate on what basis school would use the area once in complete condition.

Question raised in terms of whether children know their own homework or whether down to parents to inform them. From next August the older classes will use google classroom so parents would get information on Marvellous Me and information is on google classroom for children to find out. Queried whether it was ok for parents to log in on behalf of younger ones to utilise google classrooms in same way. LG to investigate.

Playground Works. Trellis behind old chicken spot needs work and the bug hotel needs a new roof but this can be done once back at school. Similar applies for Crossroads in that help is needed but can wait until new term.

6. Date of Next Meeting

TBC.

EI/DR

LG/ CW

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