

FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY
Minutes of AGM and Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 23rd September 2021

Present: Lynne Giles, Sarah Stewart, Dawn Rippiner, Aynsley Watson, Elaine Ingram, Bridget Rhodes, Yi-pei Turvey, Catriona Woodburn, Lynne Street, Cate Ghandi, Angie Rooksby, Claire Wallace

Apologies:

	<u>Actions</u>
<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>See attached slides which were presented at the AGM.</p> <p>In respect of Crossroads Nursery they are joining in with Talk for Writing training which sits well with Emerging Literacy. For parental engagement they are doing a focus fortnight, every term a child is the focus for the fortnight. They are using seesaw too. Planning has been overhauled, seesaw being used to share weekly plans. Nursery had the Eco Green Flag which was due to be renewed in March 2020 so they will work on that. Also using SHANARRI CALAMARI and using an octopus to look at each arm.</p> <p>LG advised that they had feedback on the nursery transition which has been excellent and nursery staff should be congratulated for all their hard work in that respect.</p> <p>School account is healthy and reflects fact school not going out on trips.</p> <p>Parents Committee: Would like to recognise all the work put in by Ali and Drew Hendry over the years who have stepped down this year.</p> <p>School Wish List: Parents to be asked if they have any play equipment which could be donated. Books: contact libraries who sometimes sell or donate old books. LG will email library service.</p> <p>Swimming: DR raised possibility of us being charged rental for the pool in the future, the Council have advised this might happen as Council so short of money but no indication when or if this will happen. Discussion over raising this with Councillors at our next meeting to see if we can avoid a rental, asking community council who have pots of money still available and also whether processing funds through school would avoid the charge. Action to be taken once we know if we will be charged.</p> <p><u>END OF AGM</u></p> <p>Constitution of Friends of Durriss and Crossroads Nursery. All office bearers have held positions for 3 years and in terms of the constitution need to stand down.</p> <p>Chair – DR nominated Catriona Woodburn – seconded by SS Vice Chair – CW nominated Sarah Stewart – seconded by DR Secretary – DR nominated Yi-Pei Turvey – seconded by SS Treasurer – EI nominated Dawn Rippiner – seconded by SS</p> <p>Members: Elaine Ingram, Aynsley Watson, Bridget Rhodes, Cate Ghandi, Lynne Street, Angie Rooksby</p> <p>1. <u>Minutes and Correspondence</u></p> <p>Minutes from last meeting approved and no correspondence was noted.</p>	<p>LG</p>

2. Head Teacher Update

Children settling in well. 45 is current school roll. Jobshare HT role is working well. Forest school will be monthly for whole school following October holidays. PE with class teacher Monday/ Thursday. Tuesday they do playground games, Wednesday a weekly walk and Friday a HIIT work out and these will change throughout the year. Masterclasses – avoiding indoor mixing of classes but are going to ask P5-7 what interest clubs they might like to run outdoors. Mrs Hannaford will hold virtual P1 chats before October. Parents meetings held online before October holidays. Transition – P6/7 will do activity week with Drumoak and Crathes this year which is being organised and will be mix of sport/ culture and craft. There will be no residential trip this year.

3. COVID

DR raised query about COVID guidance and communication. LG advised that once a Covid case is notified they contact Health Protection Team who provide the guidance from that point on in terms of what the school do. Very different from the academies and in this case given number of siblings/ school buses etc it was decided that a whole school letter rather than a class letter was appropriate. The school took a cautious approach which was backed up by the parental body and this likely prevented further cases. LG gets a weekly update at the HT meeting and can raise queries as needed.

4. School Activities

Clarification on school activities was requested. Sarah Jardine comes every Monday to do drama. Tara Ewart comes on Thursday to do French with all and Art with P1/2 and P3/4. Going to Drumoak for PE is not currently happening. PE – 2 hours of quality PE every week. Done on Mon/Thur with further physical activity on the other three days. After school football and swimming has started back.

DR queried whether running club could start. LG advised she had spoken to other schools in the cluster and some have clubs but before or after school. Still can't have parents on school property. Acknowledged that due to number of kids taking bus at Durris a club before or after school wouldn't work. Agreed that we would revisit possibility of running club starting after October holidays. Would be possible to run with volunteers remaining off the school property.

Music – noted that Scottish Government have provided funding for musical tuition and could we tap into that. LG advised that because we have had musical input from things like the Jazz man and Samba Dave we have been seen to be accessing funds. LG to raise with head of tuition to see if anything further possible.

Recorder – DR/YT keen to support once restrictions allow.

5. AOB

Grass at rear of school. LG still waiting to hear on insurance and will contact Kirkwood to advise school intend to use it. LG and Claire Wallace will walk over area to see if any better and safer for use.

Councillor Sarah Dickinson contacted YT to request to come to our meeting. All councillors should be invited to next meeting and we would discuss aspects we want

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their assistance with first then deal with other matters once they come off call. YT will send list of councillors to CW to invite. CW advised she may also contact Community Council – especially if we have issues with the green space still.

6. Date of Next Meeting

TBC.