**FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY**

**Minutes of Meeting held via TEAMS on 30/11/2023**

Present: Catriona Woodburn, Yi-pei Chou, Lynne Giles, Kate Reeve, Katrina Gray, Sarah Stewart, Corine Purkis, Lynne Watson

Apologies: Elaine Ingram

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| Agreed previous minutes/AGM minutes.  **HT update Nov 2023**  Staff training – Inset – Durris looked at our new information sharing app Just2Easy and had training with regards the teaching of PE.  Tesco bid – our first Community Café will be on Friday 15 December at 11am, many thanks to Elaine’s mum Amy for helping us to contact local community members. Our first café will be a cuppie and cake – with board games.  Playground improvements –CY Turf. Total cost - £22,594.95 Work will start at the Feb inset/long weekend. Final info on dates will be in parent news, as access to school during this time will be via the front playground only.  Therma-marking – update from Sarah - funding was not approved from Meikle Carewe.  Further funding requests – Scottish Opera, Term 4, with Drumoak and Crathes – approx. £225 (opera and one way bus)  P4-7 class, in conjunction with Crathes – 2x2hr sessions of curling at Curl Aberdeen in T3 - £13x 23 = £299  Cluster Transition events  Careers’ Fair on Thursday 8 February at Drumoak School, in morning. Will be like ‘speed-dating’ – need a variety of careers, have a proforma to help adults plan 5–10 minute chat. Action for PC members – to help encourage volunteers from a variety of occupations from parents. LG will send out email to all parents with details of event.  Transition Day – for Crathes, Drumoak and Durris on Wednesday 24 April – going to trial having the event for all stages on the same day. This will ease transport and staffing issues.  Various money requested to cover trip/transport costs – LB to provide list to parents’ group. It would be easier for school to work from a lump sum as due to banking, it can take quite a few weeks for cheques to clear.  Nursery update –  Very busy at Crossroads, currently sitting with 15 children on the register, moving to 16 in January.  Staff had two very busy in-set days. One day was spent with the Drumoak team and the other on our own. We looked at our new system, Learning Journals. Feedback from families and staff has been really positive. We also spent time looking at the 6 principles of nurture.  PTA have supported us to go to the library on a trip for a book bug session and we now have our own lending library, run by parents helpers each week. We had some lovely books donated by families which has allowed us to get this going!  We are very excited about our upcoming Christmas treat (thanks to the PTA) to Alford Valley Community Railway to go on the Santa train on 8th December.  Crafty Christmas event on 15th Dec  **Actions on minutes of last PC**:  Slush fund approved for school £100 PC and £100 from fundraising group.  Defib training – Community Council to action this.  Discussion surrounding issues involved with provision of ASC. KG to liaise with YT and LW. ?Survey out to parents next year.  Data Protection policy ongoing. KG to liaise with sub groups.  .  **Durris Dolphins Subgroup Report**  There are currently 31 children (P2-P7) attending on a regular basis. Everyone is making fantastic progress which is very encouraging! We hope to invite the P1s to join after Christmas.  **Durris Dashers Subgroup Report**  We have 10 parent helpers working on a rota basis, with 3-4 helpers each week. The club is currently open to all P2-P7 pupils. The P1 pupils will be invited to join the club later in the year when they have settled into the school. We so far have 32 children signed up to the club  **Durris Football Subgroup Report**  Regular Friday training 6-7pm at Drumoak School Astroturf ongoing. Waiting to see if Council will charge us for use of the pitch – that will determine the yearly fee. Fraser Clark has joined the coaching team having recently completed his 1.1 coaching course.  Planned events: Potentially indoor tournament on Sunday 21st January again with Drumoak and Crathes.  Issues of Concern: Try to get parents to utilise pitchero so we know who is attending each session to make planning easier.  Need to consider getting another person trained for first aid  **PTA Subgroup Report**  Accounts update: £5,973.09  Recent Activities/Events: Our bid to Meikle Carewe windfarm for money for Thermomarkings for the playground was unsuccessful. We have completed the sale of lucky squares for advent calendars making approx. £316 profit.  We have confirmed to the school and nursery that this year we would fund the following:-  · Macduff Aquarium trip approx. £640  · Greyhope Bay trip approx. £600  · School Cinema Xmas Trip approx. £500  · Slush fund for school for supplies £200  · Ukuleles £400  · Nursery Trip £120  · Nursery Xmas Trip £220  · Nursery Walkie Talkies £140  · Nursery Learning Journals £100  · School Curling Trip for P4-7 approx £300  Leaves us with approx running balance of £3000  Planned events: Burns Supper Jan 26th 2024. | Actions |

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| **AOB**  Date of next meeting – !st February 2024 @ 7pm via TEAMS |  |