

FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY

Minutes of AGM Meeting held at Durris School on 21/09/2023

Present: Elaine Ingram, Yi-Pei Chou, Lynne Giles, Lynne Watson, Katrina Gray, Sarah Stewart, Kate Reeve , Corine Purkis , Claire Wallace

Apologies: Catriona Woodburn, Dawn Rippiner

Agreed previous minutes.	Actions
<p data-bbox="165 689 523 723"><u>HT report - Lynne Giles</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 748 402 781"><u>Staffing update</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 806 1200 875">Nursery - Mrs Ingram (Senior), Mrs Ogilvie (Lead), Mrs Mutch (EYP) and Mrs Duncan (EYP) and Mrs Watson (Early Years Worker)</p> <p data-bbox="165 900 1118 969">Primary 1/2/3 - Mrs Hannaford now 4 days a week (Tues - Fri) / Ms Shearer (Mon)</p> <p data-bbox="165 994 1238 1064">Primary 4/5/6/7 - Mrs Giles (Tuesdays) / Ms Wallace (Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri)</p> <p data-bbox="165 1088 1206 1122">Head Teacher - Mrs Giles working Tues – Thurs, Ms Wallace – Mon & Fri</p> <p data-bbox="165 1146 1011 1180">Mrs McNab, Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) – 4 hours, daily</p> <p data-bbox="165 1205 1126 1238">Tara Shearer – French, PE & RME – Thursdays – with both classes</p> <p data-bbox="165 1263 1187 1332"><u>School Improvement Plan 2023/24</u> – Health and Wellbeing, Quality Learning and Teaching & Play Pedagogy. Gold Rights Respecting award.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1332 475 1366"><u>Health and Well-being</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1366 628 1400">Continue with Sarah Gear sessions</p> <p data-bbox="165 1400 488 1433">Introduce Health Heroes</p> <p data-bbox="165 1433 606 1467">Introduce termly Community Café</p> <p data-bbox="165 1467 555 1500">Embed new HWB planners</p> <p data-bbox="165 1500 564 1534">Staff training for PE delivery</p> <p data-bbox="165 1559 906 1592"><u>Quality Learning and Teaching & Play Pedagogy</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1592 671 1626">Work with new trio – self evaluation</p> <p data-bbox="165 1626 1142 1659">Continue to engage in research – from Mark Burns and Shirley Clark</p> <p data-bbox="165 1659 1174 1693">All taking part in practitioner enquiry around the use of play for learning</p> <p data-bbox="165 1693 983 1727">Engage with current research surrounding play in primary</p> <p data-bbox="165 1751 639 1785"><u>Gold Rights Respecting Award</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1785 715 1818">Continue work towards our gold award</p> <p data-bbox="165 1818 778 1852">Pupils involved more fully in self-evaluation</p> <p data-bbox="165 1852 1059 1886">All stakeholders involved in new IDL planning – World of Water</p>	

Playground - Removal of bark and tarmac at back – allowing for larger ground area. New roof for gazebo

New Thermo-markings in front playground. Funded through Community Council £8,000 Developers' fund £12,229. Original date – Oct hold 2023 – still awaiting paperwork to be fully signed off before we can agree a start date

Wish list –

- Buses for trips – hoping for some whole school trips
- Greyhope Bay – for trip and bus – approx. £600 (whole school)
- Macduff Aquarium – for trip and bus – approx. £600 (whole school)
- Cinema Christmas trip – for admission and bus – approx. £500 (whole school)
- Transition buses/further buses - ?
- Money for 'slush fund' – art resources/gardening/baking etc - £400
- Roof repair for Gazebo

Crossroads Nursery Report – Elaine Ingram

Improvement Plan 2023/24 – Health and Well being, Quality Learning & teaching and Play Pedagogy.

Health and Well-being

Continue with Sarah Gear sessions

Nurturing Settings – focus on the 6 principles of nurture

Tracking & Assessment

Continue to develop tracking systems across early level

Further engagement with progression frameworks, benchmarks and developmental overviews

Sharing Learning and Learning Partners with Parents - Familiarisation

with new profiling platform – Learning Journals. Continue to work with Parents to share learning from home.

Wish List - TBC

Chair Report – Katrina Gray

I am going to try and keep this relatively brief. We have had another busy year and with the support and hard work of the sub committees, we have contributed to the following,

- School now has a defibrillator which is a great asset to the local community.
- Met local councillors to discuss the Kirkwood community fund along with funding from the council to go towards improving the school playground.
- Continue discussions with councillors to chase Kirkwood to fund improvement of the greenspace so this can be utilised by the school.
- We provided funding for numerous school and nursery trips throughout the year which were enjoyed by all.
- We are on the final draft (hopefully tonight this will be agreed) of our data protection policy which will be an umbrella policy that includes on the sub groups.
- We continued to liaise with the parent forum successfully through our various Whats app groups.

I wanted to also highlight the success of our Durris Ladies afternoon tea which raised an incredible £3500 as well as another hugely successful summer BBQ. Thank you to everyone involved in organising these events and those that volunteered, its these events that provide funds to the school and nurse which all our children benefit from and we are grateful for all the hard work that goes into organising these.

On a personal note, I want to thank the other council members and Lynne and Claire for all their help this past year, being a new parent to the school and taking on the role of chair was daunting to say the least but with all your help and support I hope I have done the role justice.

Looking onto next year, I hope I can continue to support the school community and it would be great to see if we can continue discussions with local councillors to gain funds to improve the playground as well as support a working group to try and move forward with before and after school care. It's been a pleasure being your chair this past year and I look forward to what this next year will bring.

Election of roles for PC 2023/34 (voted in by)

Chair – Katrina Gray (SS & LW)
 Vice Chair – Sarah Stewart (LW & EI)
 Treasurer – Hannah Sangster (KG & SS)
 Secretary – Lynne Watson (EI & YC)
 PVG Officer – Catriona Woodburn (YC & KG)
 Elaine Ingram – PTA
 Yi-pei Chou – ASC
 Corine Purkis - ASC

PC account sitting at £619 – see accounts attached
 Date of next meeting – AGM September 2024