



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 26th January 2021

Agenda Item	Detail	Decision / Action
Welcome and attendees	<p>FOAA member parents: Shona Ulrichsen, Charlotte Tindall, Kirsty Pirrie, Gillian Watt, Sheona Craig, Andy Robertson, Suzanne Smith, Michael Grassom, Amanda Burke</p> <p>Parents: Dorothy Rybicka, Laura Johnston Brand, Nicola Murrie</p> <p>Alva Academy: Mr McEwan, Mrs Brown</p>	
Apologies for absence	Tracey Smiley, Pauline McKerracher	
Welcome & Approval of last minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of 3rd March 2020 and 22nd September 2021 were approved. 	
Update from SU from local authority Parent Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on public health: Positive Covid cases continuing to rise in Clacks – mobile testing unit set up. Well-being: Levels of support available include well-being workers [accessed through referral], Educational Psychologist [phone line], wider funding for mental health [Flip Clacks website – resources to support remote learning]. Key message from meeting: Remote learning is trying to get as close as possible to the school environment, but young people should do what they can and speak to their guidance teacher with any concerns. 	
HT Report by Mr McEwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy start to term, pupils coping magnificently well with their uptake to engaging in online learning. Impressive resilience from young people, very positive attendance figures. New registration allows staff to monitor pupil engagement. There are some pupils currently attending Alva Academy – pupils of key worker parents, a number of very vulnerable pupils, pupils attending the nurture hub who struggle anyway to engage in education and ASD provision. Learning Assistants providing support virtually. Looking to enter phase 2 of providing laptops/Chromebooks to families sharing a device. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetabling: Lots of feedback from questionnaire. Looking to shorten the school day on a Monday and Wednesday so that the pupils finish at 2.40pm [like a Friday]. Also proposing to start catch up study periods. • No announcement yet from Scottish Government re return to school but Mr McEwan reassured everyone that he will be on top of any plans put in place. • S3 pupils will move to new timetable as soon as they are back at school. • Subject option choices for other pupils will take place at their usual time – either in school or online. • Issue with providing online reports – Mr McEwan looking at resolving this as soon as possible. • One parent asked if S6 pupils will still be at school at the end of June. Mr McEwan said it depends on what the SQA are looking for and there will be an update from SQA soon with this information. 	
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £339.63 balance. • KP waiting on £380.00 Council payment. All paperwork submitted for this. • Need ideas to boost balance. 	
Focus on fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Club – number of non-renewals in October, either not wanting to renew or not on Parent Pay. • Insufficient funds to provide S1 ties this year. • General agreement we should be fundraising and by Parent Pay – Paypal also mentioned as potential option to look into. • Discussion about how to fundraise during restrictions. Ideas included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quiz ○ Escape room ○ Virtual race night – Mr McEwan to look into this ○ Easter Hamper – pay out £50 to buy hamper items – supporting local businesses ○ Focus on well-being – sending a message to family/friends ○ Family treasure hunt ○ Best pet competition 	
Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 24th February 2021 	