



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 15th September 2021

Agenda Item	Detail	Decision / Action
Welcome and attendees	<p>FOAA member parents: Shona Ulrichsen, Charlotte Tindall, Kirsty Pirrie, Gillian Watt, Sheona Craig, Suzanne Smith</p> <p>Parents: Coco Gilles, Nicola Murrie, Jane Robson, Val Whyte, Shaun Mackie, Callum Ford</p> <p>Alva Academy: Mr McEwan</p>	
Apologies for absence	Pauline McKerracher, Tracey Smiley	
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SU welcomed everyone to the meeting. 	
HT Report by Mr McEwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of term: Overall, young people have settled in well and the school feels vibrant and busy. 98 pupils out of 170 signed up for DofE today and out of school groups are now running; but Mr McEwan doesn't want any complacency to set in. Hopeful that events such as remembrance evening will run. Covid update: Very lucky in terms of positive cases compared to local and national figures, though pupils are well-disciplined. Hopeful that restrictions might be eased re visitors into the school and bubbles. Staffing update: Mrs Middleton has taken on a PT post, with responsibility for DofE. Mr Love has taken on a role responsible for extra-curricular activities. Miss O'Hara has taken on a role responsible for positive destinations and attainment, including looking at pupils not achieving as well as they should. 	
Pop up polls / expectations of FOAA this session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SU ran a short poll, results as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 92% of those present thought pupils had settled in well back at school. Response re range of extra-curricular activities available – 75% great, 25% ok. Response to holding FOAA meetings online – 42% yes, 25% no, 33% don't mind. Response to what parents would like from FOAA meetings – 75% to hear what is going on in school, 17% to have info sessions on different topics, 8% would like to meet other parents. 	
Parent Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question asked about how to encourage pupils who have not taken up new clubs and how to encourage participation. Mr McEwan keen to find out if different clubs need to be introduced and whether 	



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	<p>transport is an issue. Potential opportunity to do a minibus run on a Monday and Tuesday. Supervised study will always be available in the Hub. Mr McEwan open to suggestions re any new clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen interest from meeting for Mr McEwan to provide shortened summaries of assemblies for parents. • Pre-loved uniform happened this year and did help some families, also good for sustainability. Store of blazers available. Aim to do in June next year so that any unused uniform can go the Gate. • A parent asked about school dinners. Mr McEwan hopes they will return after the October break – has been a staffing issue. • A parent asked about trips. Blackpool trip will hopefully take place next year. Looking at targeted year groups for other potential trips; will have a better idea of position in the New Year. • A parent asked about senior pupils being allowed to 'go up the street'. Mr McEwan was hopeful this would be fairly soon, post October break. • 100 Club: SU keen for new sign ups; helps running costs of the minibus. Very simple way to support the school. Paypal address to go the FOAA Facebook page. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full list of meeting dates will be published. 	
Date of next meeting – AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 26th October 2021. 	