



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 31st March 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, Amanda Burke, Pauline McKerracher</p> <p>Parents: Nicola Murrie, Christina A'Hara, Jane Nicol, GuiRong Qu Gilles</p> <p>Alva Academy: Mr McEwan</p>	
Apologies for absence	Tracey Smiley, Michael Grassom	
Welcome & Approval of last minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of 24th February 2021 were approved. 	
HT Report by Mr McEwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Government update re return to school after Easter due 5th April. Expected to be similar to prior to Christmas – one-way system, hand sanitising, masks etc. Transport will be as normal and full school uniform will be worn. Mr McEwan aiming for some kind of normality. Current S3s due to change timetable at Christmas are now changing on 26th April. Planned date for pupils moving up year group is 14th June – but this is dependent on evidence gathering for current S4, S5 and S6s. <u>SQA Exam pupils:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr McEwan is working with teachers to ensure every young person has the opportunity to fulfil their full potential. Every SQA document has been scrutinised re gathering evidence and formal assessments. Mr McEwan doesn't want exam pupils to feel anxious or overwhelmed on their return to school. There will be more formal assessments at the end of May and evidence gathered before Christmas, during lockdown and what is achieved between April and June, will be considered. The school has test papers bought in for the prelims that can be used. ASN department very aware of which pupils need support and Mr McEwan is confident everything is in place. Any individual concerns should be made directly to the school. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question was asked by a parent re study leave: Mr McEwan said that there would be a consultation with parents after Easter but looking at pupils either being able to go home after assessments or supervised study in school. ● <u>S1-S3s:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on getting these year groups back into the school routine, and to be with their friends. ○ There will be check-ins by the Guidance Teachers, and the well-being workers and school counsellor will be on hand too. ● Overall, Mr McEwan believes the school is in a very good place, focussing on physical and mental wellbeing. All decisions made have been considered and Mr McEwan hopes to come out of the pandemic stronger as a school. In the face of adversity pupil numbers are growing. 	
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current balance of £1,214.64. ● Council payment of £380.00 received. ● 100 Club Standing Order payments are coming in as normal and two payments for prizes have been made. ● Approximately £150 was made from the recent pet competition [after deduction of costs]. 	
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pet competition – this was a success but a steep learning curve. Paypal is now set up so this can be used for other fundraisers. It was good to run an event that families could engage in. ● Kirsty thanked Shona for all her hard work on the pet competition. ● 100 Club – still looking to increase numbers. <p><i>Post meeting note: Leaflet on 100 Club to go out in new S1 packs. Shona is happy for 100 Club to be shared on community pages as the money goes to support pupils. Also, Suzanne and Kirsty to arrange a summer raffle. Paying for the new S1 ties to be reviewed at next meeting.</i></p>	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None. 	
Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday 8th June 2021 [May meeting was cancelled as this will be a busy term for all, and the date clashes with proposed parents evening]. 	

