

Foveran School Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 21st November 2023 – 7:45pm (via Teams)

Present: Jamie Ferguson (Head Teacher – JF), Sarah Williams (Chair – SW), Lynn Bowman (Vice Chairperson - LB), Ruth Stannard (Secretary – RS), Rachael McClintock (Treasurer – RM), Calaidh Reid (CR), James Carter (JC), Lyndsey Carter (LC), Kat Hetherington (KH), Stewart McGettrick (SM), Sabine Fraser (SF)

Apologies: Lisa Proud, Jennifer McLoughlin

1	Introductions and Apologies	
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	Introductions and apologies were made	
2	Chairperson's Report	
	Thank you to everyone for coming tonight.	
	Over the past year we have continued with our main aim of liaising with the school and supporting them in raising money to purchase resources and fund experiences for the pupils. Resigning as chairperson today.	
3	Head Teacher's Report	
	Thank you to Sarah for all her work as chair of the parent council. A real tangible difference has been made over the past 2 years by the parent council with Sarah leading it. Thank you to the parents who came in to school and helped with self-evaluation work last term.	
	Thank you to Lynn for organising the Halloween trail. There was a record number of children in attendance and it was good to meet families who had not yet started at the school. Thank you particularly to Rachael who has pursued a range of fundraising opportunities. Thank you to parents who donated to recent charity events, both had a very positive response.	
	Fundraising focus will continue to be on technology.	
	More new pupils have joined and 1, possibly more, joining in the new year. The school are managing to cope ok with the space despite rising numbers. However, it is beginning to become difficult to serve everyone together at lunch time. Several options will be pursued over the next few weeks in order to find the best arrangement for the pupils.	
	The decision has been made to return to using Google Classrooms due to being unable to find a better alternative to Seesaw (previous communication and profiling tool). Teachers worked on setting this up during in-service days and it is almost ready to roll out. The school are working on step by step guide for parents. This will be used as a communication tool as well as for profiling. The profile will provide parents with examples of their childs' work and build up a digital record of their progress.	
	Reading Eggs subscription has been re-started. The children will be given a pseudonym to use for logging in in order to protect their data.	
	Upcoming dates: Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)/Craft Fair – Monday 11 th Dec Christmas Show – 13/14 th Dec	

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	Panto – HMT available on 19 th Dec. Cost would be £12.50 but could be brought down to £10	
	(parents to pay) and bus covered by Parent Council. (Agreed max of £500 from PC towards	
	bus and £2.50 per child to reduce cost)	
	Movie Night – TBC	
4	Treasurers Report	
	Balance continues to be healthy.	
	5 iPads and cases purchased for school recently	
	Looking into Co-op community grant	
	Submit application to Hill of Fiddes community fund by 5 th Feb	RM
	Resigning as treasurer.	
5	Appointment of Office Bearers and Parent Council Members	
	Chairperson – Lynn Bowman (Seconded SW, CR)	
	Vice Chairperson – Calaidh Reid (Seconded LB, LC)	
	Treasurer – James Carter (Seconded SW, LB)	
	Secretary – Ruth Stannard (remining in position)	
6	Planned Events	
	Movie Night – voted to be postponed until after Christmas.	
	Cinema voucher lucky square at Christmas show.	LB
	P7 Fundraiser – Foveran Fitness Fest - 13 th January 9:30am-12:30pm Balmedie Leisure	
	Centre	
	Note: all events must be in parent council minutes in order to be compatible with insurance	
7	Projected Outlays	
	Leavers Hoodies – to be discussed at next meeting.	
8	AOB	
	Photo permission form – Mr Ferguson will look into digital and paper forms not matching and rectify this	JF
	Parents Evening – School to keep an eye on time keeping to ensure equity	JF
	School Meals – portion size, queuing time etc – some elements of this should improve with	
	new lunch arrangements. Parent council to write to Aberdeenshire Council to express	LB
	concerns.	
	School Transport - Could the routes be looked at to improve efficiency? CR and Mr Ferguson	
	to liaise regarding this.	CR
9	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 27 th February 2024	