

FAB Minutes – 27th January 2026

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

- **Attending:** Susan MacKinnon (Chair), Iain Livingstone (Head Teacher), Moira Martin (Secretary), Linda Cranston (Resource Manager), Jackie Ormsby, Eve Murray, Amy Torrie, Vivian Allison and Lauren Murphy.
- **Apologies:** Nicola McDonald, Ersa Borsis and Caroline Herring.
- **Welcome:** Susan welcomes and thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

FUNDING BIDS

PE – dance competition and speaker: request is for £500 for travel & entry fee to a dance competition, a replacement music speaker, and extra-curricular activities. The school achieved a Sports Scotland Gold Award in 2025 and there has been more focus on sports since then. This has resulted in more sports clubs within the school than previously with about 1600 visits between August and December 2025. Three clubs have seen a significant increase in visits in this period: Rugby 320 to 368, Netball 77 to 392, and Dance 256 to 660. The school Dance team are attending a Scottish School dance competition on the 25th of February where around 40 pupils will take part. The money from this funding bid will help finance the participation in the dance competition, replace a music speaker and help with other associated costs such as referee fees for other sporting events.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes for the previous meeting held on the 4th November 2025 approved by Jackie Ormsby and Eve Murray.

Actions completed:

- All Xmas raffle and concert actions completed.
- Lotto promoted on social media etc.
- Sweets donated from FAB to the Big Night In.

Actions carried forward:

- Grant application actions will be discussed at this meeting.
- Uniform recycling will be discussed at this meeting.
- Chair person's successor will be discussed at this meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Opening balance was £3,535.40.

Income of £3,529.37 from Lotto receipts, Xmas raffle tickets, return of float from BYT show, Easy Fundraising, refreshments, Xmas concert, and uniform donation.

Expenditure was £1,693.79 for Funding Bid, Lotto winner, Service charges on bank account, Xmas present drive, Xmas raffle poster, chalk markers, float for Xmas concert, refreshment supplies, pupil support supplies, and Xmas raffle cash prize.

Available funds at 24/01/2026 is £5,370.98.

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

There was a positive end to last term and the staff pantomime went very well. We have seen a good start to the new term and prelims during December and January have gone smoothly; results will be out soon with more holistic judgements being made. Focus on "one last push" for the senior pupils and course choices underway. The S6 last day will be before the Easter break and Senior Awards will now be held on Monday 20th April 2026, with Qualifications Scotland exam diet due to commence earlier than usual on 22nd April.

LOTTO UPDATE

£67 paid to the winner in November. One new member joined therefore £68 paid to the winners in December and January.

OFFICE BEARERS SUCCESSION PLANNING

Current Chairperson and Secretary will "retire" in the summer due to pupils leaving the school. Susan outlined the type and timing of work required for the chairperson's role. It could be shared between 2 or 3 people if one person finds it too much to do on their own. **Action: All members** to consider both positions and contact Susan for more information or if they are interested in either of the roles. Iain reiterated that the school is flexible with the amount of support that FAB can provide, it can change as required.

UNIFORM RECYCLING

- Storage solutions – all uniform donated, washed and ready for ironing now stored in the uniform cupboard in school. **Action:** Boxes and labels required to make it clear what stage in the recycling journey they are on (*Susan/Moira*).
- Donations on hold – currently on hold but items still being donated occasionally.
- Ironing catch-up – backlog of ironing required, if anyone can spare some time to do this, they can pick up items, hangers, and labels from the cupboard. **Action:** Email members when the cupboard is ready for items to be picked up for ironing and the procedure moving forward (*Susan*)

DANCE SHOWCASE – 5TH March 2026

Volunteers organised and there will be no raffle as other fundraising for the school being done at this event. There is an interval during the show. **Action:** stocktake required and reordering of refreshments if required (*Susan/Moira*)

ADULT QUIZ NIGHT

- Date has been set for Friday 29th May.
- Hall booked at a cost of £75 (same as last year).
- Iain has confirmed his cousin Craig will be the quizmaster again.

- Tombola will be run by Jackie and Amy. Action: Solicit donations in weeks leading up to the event (**Susan**)
- Discussion at the meeting about the cost of the ticket, previously £5 per person, whether it should be increased to up to £10 but update after the meeting has set a price of £6 per person.
- **Action: All members** to consider other ways to fundraise on the night to be discussed at the next meeting on the 3rd of March.

EASTER RAFFLE

Prizes from local businesses required for this. **Action:** Distribute list of previous businesses who have donated (**Susan**). If anyone has personal connections to local businesses (new or old) then let Susan know.

GRANT APPLICATIONS – to enhance the lighting in the assembly hall.

M&G – a subsidiary of Prudential based in Stirling. Waiting to hear back after application submitted on 9/12/25.

Persimmon – application submitted, feedback due in February.

Robertson Trust - Heather Cameron submitted 11/12/25.

Wolfson Trust – will not be progressed. Only accept applications from registered charities already listed in their system. Neither Braes High School nor FAB have charitable status.

ASDA Foundation – pending.

Howden – needs to be a charity therefore not applicable for the school, however Howden sponsored the rugby Lions Tour. Vivian has asked if they would be willing to donate rugby balls and/or tops for fundraising. **Action: Vivian** to feed back to Susan.

Pharmaceutical company (Abbvie) – can provide grants of up to £5K for science-based activities.

Update: applications for funding are currently closed but will keep checking for the future. Ersa has shared link for application with Iain.

INEOS – Looking into if it is possible to make another application for funding following request last session. **Action: Eve**

AOB

Banking access removed from Linda and Moira as no longer required following Eve taking over the Treasurer role. Eve and Susan have full business banking access. Eve, Susan, Moira and Linda are all authorised signatories.

Donations from Easy Fundraising being received regularly from online purchases and store purchases but only 96 members. **Action: Jackie** to put out a promotion to see if we can get more members.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026.