

FAB Minutes – 4th November 2024

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

- **Attending:** Susan MacKinnon (Chair), Iain Livingstone (Head Teacher), Linda Cranston (Resource Manager and Treasurer), Moira Martin (Secretary), Jackie Ormsby, Ersa Borsis (online).
- **Apologies:** Amy Torrie, Caroline Herring, Lauren Murphy, Eve Murray, Gayle Paris, Amy Morrison, Alexis Everett, Caroline Burke.
- **Welcome:** Susan welcomes all to the meeting.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions to be carried forward:

- Auditor sign off on accounts 2023-24 in progress (Caroline and Linda)
- Parent ideas survey (Susan).
- Rag Bag (like Wallacestone Primary) or Cash for Clothes. **Action:** Moira to find out more for next meeting.
- Beetle Drive, evening for parents (like the quiz night). **Action:** Jackie to find out more for the next meeting.
- Minutes for the previous meeting 2nd September 2024 approved by Jackie Ormsby and Moira Martin.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance was £4,430.73 at 31/10/24. Expenditure was £1,610.32 from Lotto winnings, £300 for float retained in safe for events, 4 Funding bids and S1 disco expenditure. Income of £380.52, predominantly from Lotto payments, S1 disco income and small amount from Uniform donation. Available funds are £3,200.93.

The BYT show generated an income of £304. 45 plus the £300 float now gives an available balance of £3805.38 at time of meeting.

The Bank of Scotland intends to charge for accounts, approximately £4.25 per month as well as charges for cheques. A letter has been received, **Action:** Linda to find out further details and how this will affect FAB.

FUNDING BIDS

Braes Brightside: request for £250 to purchase prizes such as vouchers. Wellbeing, health, and happiness is important to the school. Braes Brightside intends to set challenges fortnightly to improve overall health, challenge will be set on a Monday and entries handed in on Friday then prizes awarded. There is a Health and Wellbeing forum now. The launch of the challenges will be before Xmas and run until the end of the academic year in summer 2024. They will be promoted using Instagram, website, Twitter and Tannoy messages.

Braes Beat (Radio Room): request for £250 for new equipment. Pupils play music in the Hub and Senior Social Space at break times and lunch. The equipment is old and much of it does not work i.e. missing control buttons. The Software is also needing updated as it does not allow up-to-date music to be loaded. The Radio Room is becoming a popular activity and there is a waitlist for pupils to join the group, especially S1. A rota is in operation to give various pupils the opportunity to participate.

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

BYT show was better attended than in recent years which was excellent to see.

The S1 disco was a great success again with many pupils and staff in attendance and well done to the senior pupils for their involvement.

LOTTO UPDATE

61 members in October, £61 paid to the winner.

Promotion of the school Lotto will be included in the next school newsletter.

Q3 return to be emailed to Licensing team at Falkirk Council when complete. **Action:** Linda

GRANTS

- Tesco “Stronger Starts” (blue tokens) in progress. Emma Muir following up on this.
- Ineos FPS Community Fund has granted £250 to FAB. **Action:** Eve to bring in cheque for Linda’s attention. Linda to pay into FAB bank account then make transfer to school account so funds can be allocated to Science Faculty.

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNING

Big Night In

- 15th November, FAB will donate hot chocolate, snacks and glowsticks left over from the S1 disco (contact Claire Cowper - formerly Godfrey).

Xmas Raffle

- Raffle now launched with flyer. **Action:** Susan to arrange for printing of poster via Carol Anne.
- There are 34 prizes with FAB donating £100 cash prize.
- There will be 2 hampers. **Action:** Susan to request committee member to manage the donations for the hampers and prepare them for presentation.
- Make-up box to be added to list of prizes.
- Jewellery Club donating a prize of handmade jewellery made by the club.
- Susan has confirmed that Amy Morrison’s partner is donating a prize of a football themed mirror.
- Sales at the BYT show was £190 and there is currently another £10 online.

Xmas Concert

- 4th December. Tea/coffee/cans/water, Pringles and a small number of sweet snacks to be sold. Home baking to be offered again as this was very successful last year.
- **Action:** Susan to request volunteers to help on the night.
- **Action:** Susan and Moira to carry out stock take and place orders to replenish stock.
- **Action:** Susan to issue request via school office (groupcall email and Braes High Parents & Friends FB group,) to invite home baking donations from beyond the core committee.
- Two card machines will be used for payments.
- There will be 4 queues and floats.
- **Action:** Caroline/Susan to find out how both card machines can be used in close proximity to each other as this was a problem last year.

Adult Quiz Night

- It was agreed to run another quiz night as this has been a popular event for the last 2 years.
- Venue to be Reddingmuirhead Hall and date to be confirmed but likely to be around May 2025. Quiz master required.
- **Action:** Susan to make enquiries with the hall for a date and contact last years' quiz master to see if they are free for this event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is agreed to take place on Monday 20th January 2025.