

## **Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)**

### **Meeting Date – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Present - Carol Gillies, Lynne Nicholson, Jacqui Galloway, Isabelle Murray, Andrew Brodie, Jen Reed, Fiona Mackie, Keilly MacDonald, Nicola Van Henten, Gillian McGarry, Douglas Van Henten, Lara Tolland, Petro Knox, Lisa Leslie, Lynne McRitchie

Councillors- Fiona Dryburgh

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents- Lynsey Hannah

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Carolanne Barkley, Claire Ashwood, Michael Owens, Geri Gray,

#### **Parent Council Meeting**

##### **Welcome and Apologies**

Carol welcomed everyone to the PC meeting and apologies noted.

##### **Review of Outstanding Actions & Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes agreed by all parties.  
Updates were provided on all actions.

##### **Financial Review**

Closing balance is £10.08

##### **Head Teacher**

Mrs Murray started the evening off with a positivity input from everyone.

Mrs Murray shared a presentation on The Moral Purpose of Education by Professor Norman Drummond which was shown to teachers on a recent in-service day. A discussion took place regards this and especially the joy of learning and not just education being about exams, wellbeing is important too and learning from mistakes.

Another clip was shared of an Olympian Derek Redmond who suffered an injury during a running event. He was unable to carry on however his father came on to the track and assisted him over the finishing line. This was shown to illustrate how important it is to support each other, especially from a distance during the past year.

Parents were then asked to share their hopes for the coming year for the Parent Council and school.

Excellent and equity – schools are being asked to re-establish the poverty related (attainment) gap. This is done by looking at what has worked over the years and what hasn't worked as well. Interventions that could be looked at are promoting healthy lifestyles, engaging beyond the school, partnership working, targeted intervention in literacy and numeracy, etc.

The Parent Council were asked to give their opinions on what excellence looked like at Crosshouse in 2021, how did we ensure equity for learners and what is the current gap?

One thing that was discussed as a result of the online at home learning was the possibility of teacher videos continuing going forward to assist parents when they are helping their child at home. There are certainly some positives that can be taken forwards from the last year, especially the opportunities for things to be offered in a virtual and face to face manner.

### **Pupil equity fund**

Results were shared.

Very positive results received on where the funding has been used over the past year – Mrs Doig / Mrs Mason, access to IT equipment and individual stationary, nurture room, additional support staff for specific targeted interventions and the Barnardo worker who is in school 1 day per week. Children appear to be coming less interested in the Sumdog and Accelerated reader programs as they get older – some review will be done here. The Emotion Works programme has been well received.

The plan for next session will be shared in August 2021.

### **Priorities for next year**

Mental health and wellbeing will be a big focus. Parent Council shared their ideas which mainly came out as wellbeing and support for everyone, outdoor learning etc.

### **AOB**

#### **Facebook page**

Carol will close the informal Crosshouse Parent page down at the end of term, leaving the current PC Facebook page as the only one which will keep parents informed – parents can send a private message to this however cannot post directly on the page. However, this may be possible, but would need to be moderated and conform to council guidelines. A communication will come out from the parent council regards the change in Facebook page prior to the closure.

Going forwards homework will be listed on google classroom therefore should alleviate the questions over what the spelling words are on Facebook.

This will be discussed further at the next PC meeting with regards to who will be involved and run the Facebook page and ensure the page meets council guidelines.

There will be 52 P1's next session as placing requests have been confirmed and classes will be announced soon for next session.

Carol is dealing with the endeavour end of term awards.

School reports will be out 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

There will be some sort of leavers (possibly virtual) and there is a Zoom meeting with P7 parents with Duncanrig and a beach party at sometime during a school day.

Councillor Geri Gray has donated a New Financial Education Award to the school.

**Date of next meeting: 08<sup>h</sup> June 2021**

### OPEN ACTIONS

Action Ref:	Action	Owner	Status/ Due Date
Oct 01	Lisa will request the community police attend the school area regards concerns raised over speed of cars.	LL	
Jan 01	Community Police (Colin and Barry) to be invited along to next suitable PC meeting	LN	04/02/2020
Nov 01	Lara Tolland to check if facility for current P6 parents to start making payments towards Dalguise now. – await prices from Dalguise then this can be put in place.	LT	Mrs Mathieson checking
Jun 03	Carolanne to arrange for Claire to be removed from the bank account and Carol and Lynne added to the account	CB	23/10/19

### CLOSED ACTIONS- 2018/19

Action Ref:	Action	Owner	Status/ Due Date
Sept 01	Organise P1 parent / carer coffee morning. – organised.	CG	23/10/19 01/11/2019
Jan 05	Look into the uniform swap shop  29/5: To be set up for next term as no time to organise now  10/09/2019: Barnardo worker is starting in school 1 day a week and will be able to tie in with this.	LN/SN	23/10/19
Sept 02	Halloween costumes being sold at parents night		03/10/19 Completed
Jun 04	Lynne/Tracey have done a handover	TG/LN	10/09/2019 Completed
Jun 02	Lets for 2019/20 School year submitted and acknowledged by SLC. 1 fundraising let is required to be paid for and fundraising team aware of this. (30/08/19)	LN	07/08/19 Completed
Jun 01	Carolanne has arranged for audit to be carried out by Mrs Mason.	CB	20/06/19 Completed