

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Thursday 11th March 2021

Present - Carol Gillies, Lynne Nicholson, Lisa Leslie, Jacqui Galloway, Isabelle Murray, Lynne McRitchie, Andrew Brodie, Jen Reed, Gayle Hall, Fiona Mackie, Michael Owens, Keilly MacDonald, Carolanne Barkley, Nicola Van Henton

Councillors-

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents- Lynsey Hannah

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Claire Ashwood, Geri Gray, Lara Tolland, Fiona Dryburgh, Douglas Van Henten, Gillian McGarry

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

Staff are looking forward to having P4-P7 children are returning to school on Monday 15th March 2021. Isabelle thanks parents and carers again for helping the children engage in home learning. There will be no google classroom homework for the next few weeks and homework will be minimal to start with.

Focus will be RRM reconnecting, risk assessing and maximising the time left with children this school year. It is not about catching up. Children have engaged well in remote learning. P1-P3 children are already being assessed to work out where they are at. Following this there will be a parent’s evening telephone call with class teacher and parent/carer over next few weeks.

Staffing – Mr Connolly-Trainer and Mrs Mason have returned to work, Miss Slessor will return from maternity after Easter and will help with intervention. Mrs Mathieson has left Crosshouse to move to the Western Isles and Mrs Bourne will be retiring after 22 years. Students will be coming to Crosshouse next term to complete their coursework in Rm1 and Rm3. Students will undergo the same restrictions as staff.

Primary 7 – their will not be a residential trip this year. However, the first week after the Easter break will be an activity week for the P7 children. As much as possible will be done to give them an enjoyable experience.

Nursery to primary transition – there are 40 children enrolled which doesn't include placing requests – there will be 2 virtual sessions 1 for children and 1 for parents – hopefully the children will be able to attend at some point.

Primary to secondary transition – plans are in place for an enhanced transition program and hopefully the primary 7 children will be able to attend before the end of June.

School are awaiting further guidance from SLC regards recommencing the breakfast club – will not be in place before Easter break.

School reports – will change this year across South Lanarkshire. The terminology will change, and this will be discussed at the next PC meeting. Normally the report tells you the level your child is working towards – the new report will report on the level your child last achieved. Secondary schools have already started this so it will be the same way of reporting nationally.

The national assessments only make up one part of the assessment process -teacher judgement is the main thing that is used in determining if the child has achieved a certain level.

The assessment presentation will be brought to the next PC meeting to refresh how this all works.

Parking – Reminder to parents/carers to be mindful of parking in Sandpiper and be pleasant to residents.

Pitch – the pitch has had to be closed due to some anti-social behaviour with damage being caused. The fence has been clipped and children have crawled under and caused some damage. Police and council have been involved. Hopefully the pitch can be re-opened for the Easter break.

Facebook

A discussion took place as to how the Crosshouse Parent and Crosshouse PC Facebook pages should exist going forwards. A few incidents on the unofficial parent's page have been discussed. Carol started the page 7 years ago, when there wasn't as much communication from the school on Sway/Twitter etc, and the page will need to change when Carol leaves the PC in June 2021. The page has always been unofficial and not linked directly to the school. The page has really helped with regards to homework and parent's helping each other out. However, it has come to a point where it can be mistaken to be an official school Facebook page, and is associated with the PC as Carol is the Chair. Isabelle advises that SLC require schools to apply for an official Facebook page.

Is it necessary to have both a Parent's Facebook page and a separate Parent Council page? Some thought needs to go in to how this will work going forward. It is a big job for one person to be responsible for the admin of the Facebook page. Comments on Facebook can be meant in an unoffensive way however this cannot be allowed on a social media platform.

The current Parent Council Facebook page doesn't allow parents to post on the page. Parents can message the PC Facebook page and only the admin can post. Perhaps the way forward is for the PC Facebook page just to be for an information only. However, if it looks too official may put some parents off using the page at all. It would need to be very clear from the outset how this would work.

AOB

Parents provided positive feedback on the teacher's participation in the google meets.

There will need to be consideration as to who will take on the Office bearer roles next year once current P7 parents on the PC will move on.

A parent has stated that they feel that children who don't have parents actively sitting with them at home during home learning are at a disadvantage for the star of the week awards. Isabelle reiterated that this award is given by the teacher and can be for various reasons.

Reminder to parents to update Parentpay for meals and milk with children returning to school on Monday.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th May 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