

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Thursday 14th January 2021

Present - Carol Gillies, Lynne Nicholson, Lisa Leslie, Jacqui Galloway, Isabelle Murray, Keilly MacDonald, Lynne McRitchie, Carolanne Barkley, Andrew Brodie, Nicola van Henten, Jen Reed, Lara Tolland, Gillian McGarry

Councillors- Fiona Dryburgh

Co-opt-

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Claire Ashwood, Geri Gray, Douglas van Henten, Sheila Nicholson, Fiona Mackie, Michael Owens, Gayle Hall

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 wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Staff

Mr Owens wife has had a baby girl, he is currently off on paternity leave.

Miss Caffrey joined teaching staff just prior to Christmas in Room 10, Mrs McDougall and Miss Ashwood will continue to assist.

Mr Connolly-Trainor is still off on bereavement leave and Mrs Mason is continuing to cover Room 11.

Covid

Crosshouse have been asked to offer remote learning due to Covid-19.

It is acknowledged that every family has different situations to take into account.

Mrs Murray had asked PC to collate any feedback on the current situation and has also spoken with the teachers this evening for their feedback.

Definition is – the continuity of learning in this context. Continuation of educational experience in event of a lockdown.

Previous lockdown was mainly revision this time it is delivering new education remotely.

Crosshouse have to offer children continuation of the educational experience and manage if they are engaging with this or whether circumstances prevent this.

Floor opened to parents

Parents with younger children, working from home, are apprehensive regards the live sessions as they may struggle to keep younger ones quiet – however, the pre-recorded lessons have been very useful.

When the videos are on in the classroom it is hard to hear unless wear headphones, however the children respond well with the videos. The teachers of the same groups working together seems to work very well.

Is it possible to have the work uploaded prior to 9am so children are ready to start at 9 – Mrs Murray advises that the staff have already scheduled what is due to happen, the issue with setting them to go live earlier is that some parents may expect school to start at 0830am rather than 9am. Mrs Murray will ask for the work to be uploaded earlier and PC will communicate to the parents that there is no expectation for children to start before 9am.

Not all tasks for the class are issued to all of the children. The teacher has the function to only issue some tasks to certain children.

For some classes there will be a challenge/early finisher option for those children who have completed their tasks early.

There will be a move from having the tasks displayed for the whole week. It will change to daily, ie Mon 18th – Registration Question, Numeracy, Literacy, etc. This should make it easier to follow.

Cllr Dryburgh – there have been a minority of parents (not from Crosshouse) who requested info printed off rather than online. Otherwise everything seems to be going well. Cllr Dryburgh has to leave to attend a council meeting regards the council budget cuts and she doesn't support any of these cuts – potentially affects things such as breakfast clubs. The legal limit for driving outside of schools will soon be implemented.

The number of children attending school is on average 40 children per day. All support staff are in school all of the time. Children are in bubbles of up to 10 children and have 2 members of support staff with them to assist with their online learning. A teacher for that stage will attend at some point to offer any assistance.

The live classroom event worked well making all children say hello. However, many parents are apprehensive regards this occurring at home. Issues are the keeping other children entertained, or dealing with their own work issues whilst other child is on a live event.

If a live lesson takes place it cannot be recorded, therefore some children would miss out on this.

Some video recordings seem quite quiet to hear, however, the videos for new learning are very helpful.

With the videos, the whole point is for people to be normal, not Instagram type.

Great feedback on Mrs Doig PE lessons.

Concept works well and task are achievable however, some children are taking a full day to do their work, seems quite hard to motivate the children to do their learning. Hard for parents to manage this when they are having to do their work at home too. Mrs Murray asked for any suggestions on anything the school can do to assist, she will review this with the staff.

It is important that the teachers still see the children's own work – ie spelling mistakes etc so they know what to work on. Encourage the children to do their best.

Unfortunately, an assembly cannot be done as limit of 200 children per session.

Routine seems to work well for some children. Working to similar break time and lunch time as school helps some children focus better on their tasks.

Teachers have been very good at providing feedback.

Health and wellbeing program will focus on ensuring children understand why they cannot attend school as normal at present.

Most of the feedback on Facebook have been of thoughts of thanks to staff, children are liking hearing their own teachers voice, and again PE with Mrs Doig is excellent!

Some parents stated that this week has been quite tricky, getting into a routine, next week will hopefully be easier.

The nursery children have been enjoying their meetings and getting to sing with their teachers.

Prioritise literacy and numeracy with regards to the tasks children do and hand in to the teacher.

Going forward:- 3 lesson per day, welcome video and registration question, prioritise literacy and numeracy, tasks for 0830am, continue with pre-recorded lessons which will increase, google meets will be informal meantime but may change in the future, sound level will be looked at and consistency across what is offered for all the classes.

Mrs Murray confirms that at present SLC have advised that no school trips can be booked.

Duncanrig have a transition plan in place for P7 who will be going into S1.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd February 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