

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

### **Meeting Date – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - AGM**

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, Michael Owens, Carolanne Barkley

Councillors- Fiona Dryburgh

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Claire Ashwood, Geri Gray, 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

##### **AGM**

Carol took the Parent Council through the AGM presentation. This listed all the members and the objectives of the Parent Council. Unfortunately, many of the objectives were unable to be actioned this past year due to Covid-19. However, the Parent Council have still provided a link between parents and the school in a virtual manner. During last summer a uniform swap took place to help families.

There are 291 parents/carers on the official Parent Council Facebook page.

Going forwards will depend a lot on Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully we can develop our understanding of the cost of a school day, continue to work with the school pupil council, raise profile of Parent Council and parental involvement, continue to support the staff and work as a team.

Carol thanked everyone for their support especially the teachers through a very different year.

Office bearers – resignation Carol Gillies and Carolanne Barkley

Lisa Leslie is happy to be the chair of the Parent Council – Gillian McGarry nominated and Douglas Van Henton seconded this.

Vice chair – Douglas Van Henton – Gillian McGarry nominated and Lynne Mcritchie seconded this.

Treasurer – Jacqui Galloway is happy to take on this role, nominated by Douglas Van Henton and seconded by Fiona Mackie

Secretary – Lynne Nicholson will remain in post – nominated by Jacqui Galloway and seconded by Lisa Leslie.

Petro Knox voted on to the Parent Council.

### **Head Teacher**

Mrs Murray thanked Carol for her contribution to the school over the years and also Carolanne who has been in the parent council and assisted in the school for a number of years.

A presentation was shared of some highlights of the last year in Crosshouse. Mrs Murray is incredibly proud of how all = the children have coped through the last year. The children are at the heart of the school.

Key successes - digital devices being issued, 72 children attended the hub – 16% free school meal children and 16 vulnerable children attended the hub, video lessons.

Challenges - 14.6% of learners only had one engagement, 8.2 % no engagement, staff and pupil absences during isolation.

Awarded financial centre of excellence, new approach to home learning and P1 virtual transition program.

Improvement plan priorities were worked on throughout the year.

Results of parent/carer surveys were shared and especially nice to see that the majority of parents/carers reported that their children felt safe at school even in these strange times.

There were lots of positive comments, however also some concerns – mainly regards P7 transition and home learning which have all been influenced by Covid-19 restrictions. Mental health curriculum will feature on the future school improvement plan.

Next year Mental health and wellbeing will be a feature along with family learning, staff keen to attend further training in literacy and numeracy interventions, some/all of staff will be trained in Makaton going forwards, social subjects, STEM, learning at home and promoting positive behaviour.

Classes and staffing were shared with the Parent Council – this will be shared with parents before the end of term.

### **AOB**

Carol thanked all the staff at Crosshouse for how they have dealt with the past year with the Covid restrictions.

Jacqui will meet with Carolanne to do a handover for the treasury position.

Photos – a parent has asked about school photographs this year – professional photographers are not allowed in school as per South Lanarkshire Council as not an essential visit.

P7 pupils will receive their secondary school ties as normal.

Mr Owens advised that there will be as many experiences done for P7's as possible due to Covid restrictions – each child will receive a memento and a class photo.

Primary 1 children will be able to visit school as part of their transition but parents will not be allowed to enter – there are 52 new P1's enrolled at present.

Mrs Murray appreciates the support of all parents during this period especially during times when phone calls have been made to inform parents that their child has been a close contact and has to isolate.

Teacher gifts – any small gifts would need to be quarantined due to Covid – teachers are not allowed to accept substantial gifts – a card with a message or donation to Tokyo walk would be very much appreciated. – Carol will put a message on Facebook.

There have been complaints to the council about access to the pitch. The decision was made to keep the pitch closed at weekends as every Monday the janitor was having to clean up following parties taking place there at the weekends with broken glass etc. Hopefully the pitch will be open for children over the summer holidays and it does remain open in the evenings at present. One of the windows in the Willow House was smashed over the weekend – CCTV will be checked regards this.

Scotland day will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Information will be sent in an email. Scotland football tops/ tartan clothing will be permitted.

### **Planning for next year**

This will very much depend on how things go with the Covid restrictions. Communication will be a major feature – inform parents that the current Facebook page will be closing. Inform parents that the minutes from Parent Council meetings are uploaded to the school website on a monthly basis – perhaps a link on the Facebook page directing to the website. This will be reviewed at the start of the next school term.

Dates for PC meetings:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (AGM)

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 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