

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Tuesday 11th May 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 Henten, Gillian McGarry, Janice Guy, Douglas Van Henten, Jackie Noon, Claire Ashwood, Petro Knox

Councillors- Geri Gray

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents- Lynsey Hannah

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Lara Tolland, Fiona Dryburgh,

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

Assessment presentation

Mr Owens shared a presentation with the Parent Council.

In the May edition of SWAY an overview of the assessment rationale was included for information.

Assessment takes account of all tasks a child undertakes. Everything feeds in to the triangle “Assessment for learning”.

Teachers are asked three times per year where the children are with their learning and this is shared with parents and SMT. (On track, at risk and working beyond are the three terms used for where the children are in their learning).

NSA – Scottish National Standardised Assessments – come from Scottish Government – are undertaken in May in P1, P4, P7 and S3. These form only one part of the assessment structure. P1 have 2 assessments and P4 and P7 have 3 assessments and are all completed online. Children receive all support they would normally have when undertaking these. There is no pass or fail – results are used for planning. Children at Crosshouse look at these as normal classwork and not a test.

Health and wellbeing

Mrs Guy talked the PC through the improvement plan for Health & Wellbeing.

Aim was to meet the needs of the learners in numerous ways – established a working group at start of the session and how this could be taken forwards with the new resource Emotion Works. All staff were trained in Emotion Works and rolled this out in School and Nursery. This program works around a cog system which lots of the children are familiar with.

The working group have been involved and are now evaluating the impact of the resource.

Emotional literacy – I know what I feel, I can say what I feel and I'm learning how to handle my feelings – and also to be aware of other's feelings.

Staff have been using this resource at least once a week, most find it useful or very useful – 70% believe it has improved delivery in the classroom, over 85% have noticed children using this outside the classroom also.

There will be a parent/carer evaluation on this soon.

Financial Education

Mrs Noon leads this improvement group.

At the start a lot of the resources were geared around money in the number sense rather than the financial aspects. A survey on the children revealed that quite a lot was required in financial education – from how does a bank card work to how to support people who have money worries. The children really enjoyed discussing the difference between a want and a need. Many resources are not numeracy based - can also relate to health and wellbeing – keeping money safe and better decisions over your money.

A financial education week was discussed with the children and what they would like out of it. Some people who work in finance took part in virtual sessions with the children.

The vision for Crosshouse in financial education is to be - an inclusive community where children will be prepared for a financial evolving world through learners engaging in a relevant financial education curriculum.

A video was shared which included the children and staff discussing various aspects of the financial education week.

Crosshouse is hoping to become a Financial School of excellence!

Cllr Geri Gray was delighted to see this being rolled out in Crosshouse Primary and will be suggesting to Education that this type of thing be rolled out in other schools.

Homework

Miss Ashwood has been leading this improvement group.

Aim was to develop a relevant homework / home learning environment.

At the start a parent survey was carried out on the amount of homework 65.7 just right, 32.4% too much and a small amount too little, nearly 50% felt supported when helping to complete tasks at home.

Parent's liked having the week to work on homework however not all liked the optional tasks.

Only 11% children do not enjoy homework and over 66% believe homework helps their learning. Children like the games, sumdog, creative side of homework.

Most of the staff do believe there is a link between homework and children's attainment in class.

Head Teacher

It is a busy time in school at present due to new guidance being due soon relating to Covid-19 (17th May).

New staff – 3 new members of support staff.

Mrs Murray has met the new P1's and their parents/carers virtually. The school is not the same without the community being involved. Over 50 children have enrolled and classes will be confirmed when placing requests have been processed.

The primary 7 fun week was a success and there will be some sort of leavers celebration – virtually or in person depending on the government guidance at the time.

Reports – terminology has changed – will now be the level the child has achieved and not what they are working towards – ie achieved level 1 and on pathway to level 2.

There will be a section showing the levels children are expected to achieve by then end of each stage, and also where the child is in their progress in learning.

Report issue 18th June 2021.

AOB

Carol will deal with 2 awards for end of school year.

Date of next meeting: 18th May 2021 (to complete items on agenda)

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