

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

### **Meeting Date – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Present - Lynne Nicholson, Jacqui Galloway, 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, Claire Ashwood

Councillors- Fiona Dryburgh

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Geri Gray, Gayle Hall, Isabelle Murray, Lynsey Hannah

#### **Parent Council Meeting**

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

Lisa 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 Tolland and staff are delighted to welcome all the children back to school and the new P1's are settling in great. Nursery won't be fully operational until end October when they will have 32 children and will be 9am-3pm.

Staffing – Miss Slessor has returned and Mrs Paul is working with Miss Ashwood in Room12. Mr Higgins has also returned as school janitor.

The transition program received positive feedback from parents.

Staggered start and finishing times and masks in the playground are remaining for safety. Thanks are expressed towards parents and carers for adhering to this.

The Covid rules and routines of the school have now been accepted as part of everyday school life. 2m distancing is being followed where it can be. Lunchtimes are staggered.

The Covid mitigations will be reviewed in 4 weeks.

Mrs Murray and other senior management have reviewed the school improvement plan and this will be shared with parent council in coming weeks.

## **New behaviour system**

Mr Owens shared the new behaviour approach presentation with the parent council. This will be sent to parents in due course.

The policy is called promoting positive relationship and understanding behaviour. The policy has been developed to reflect the school's values and meet national requirements.

50% of staff felt that the HEART values should be reflected more in this policy. Parents and children felt that the ladders did reflect these values. Everyone agreed there needed to be a system where good behaviour is rewarded and not so good behaviour is reflected upon. Also, it was suggested for there to be other ways to celebrate consistently good behaviour.

The South Lanarkshire Council policy states that open, positive and supportive relationships play a big part.

There will be a class poster with the Heart Chart. This covers children's effort and behaviour. Each child has a heart chart on their desk and have a counter which starts on gold every day – 5 min happy heart time if still gold at end of the day. If not showing the heart values then a visual and verbal reminder will be given by an adult. If moved to silver they would have 5 min reflection time, bronze would be 10 mins reflection time, if not showing any heart values then child would visit SMT. If someone excels they can earn a red heart – recognised at assembly and will have a Friday treat!

There will be well done postcards, house tokens, phone calls and 100% gold certificates amongst other ways to celebrate behaviour and effort.

In the learning log children will mark their behaviour and write a sentence to explain.

Understanding behaviour for children with distressed behaviours – staff will work with learners and parents/carers to establish an individual plan for that child.

Learners will use their heart chart daily as a visual reminder of their behaviour and effort. This will not be displayed in front of the whole class the way the ladders of success were. Children will complete their learning log and discuss this with their parent/carers and be signed by teacher and parent/carer on a weekly basis.

Any issues with learner consistently achieving silver or bronze will be discussed with parents.

The language used by staff will reflect the HEART values.

## **New approach to homework**

Miss Ashwood reviewed the home learning over the last school session and a new Home Learning Policy has been created. This will be shared with the wider parent community shortly.

Home learning is to be Engaging, Relevant, Personalised and Creative.

Skills that were learned during lockdown will be utilised going forwards.

Previously some parents thought that the amount of homework varied depending on the teacher and children said they would like to do more active tasks with their families at home.

Homework provides a vehicle of communication between school and home as to the child's progress and what they are currently learning.

Say it, Spell it, Read it, Count it and pick and mix is the new format for the home learning at Crosshouse.

There will be 4 set tasks per week from the class teacher and the child will also chose one task each week from the pick and mix.

The big focus is going to be on talking and engagement with child and developing life skills.

Homework will be shown on google classroom with any necessary instructions.

There is only 1 spelling task per week as parents have previously said the spelling tasks were becoming repetitive. Each child will have an active spelling grid for their primary group.

The pick and mix grid will be uploaded to the children's google classroom and will be updated around every 8 weeks.

Children have been provided a home learning journal however this does not need to be handed in to the teacher every week. Homework will be submitted online and discussed with the children on a Friday.

Homework is still expected to be completed, just in a different format.

This will be reviewed at the end of Term 1.

### **Anti-Social behaviour in the community**

Can anything be done in school with regards to children's behaviour outside of school – as in to encourage children to promote the school values in the local community? Mrs Tolland advised that this can also be brought up at meetings with the local learning community.

### **School photos**

There has not been a council decision as yet with regards to whether or not school photos will take place this year. Any changes will be communicated to parents/carers.

### **Facebook page**

The Parent Council Facebook page has 4 admin – Lisa, Lynne, Douglas and Jacqui.

People can post to the page however the post must be approved by admin first.

The Facebook page has 282 members and posts are reaching over 75% of the members.

At present posts can only be approved on a pc – Petro advises to try using Facebook Business Suite to allow post approval on a phone.

### **AOB**

Mrs Tolland made Parent Council aware that 2 girls from the school helped police with a little girl who was lost. They were showing the school heart values and received a Friday treat for this.

LGBT – how is this portrayed in school? School has a policy of inclusion and individual policies and their content are shared annually with parents – in the personal social development policy in term 3. Mrs Tolland will ensure that information is issued to parents in advance so they are aware.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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