

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Tuesday 21st September 2021

Present- Lynne Nicholson, Jacqui Galloway, Jen Reed, Fiona Mackie, Nicola Van Henten, Douglas Van Henten, Lara Tolland, Petro Knox, Lisa Leslie, Lynne McRitchie, Isabelle Murray, Keilly MacDonald

Councillors- Fiona Dryburgh

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies- Archie Buchanan, Geri Gray, Gayle Hall, Lynsey Hannah, Gillian McGarry, Andrew Brodie, Michael Owens, Claire Ashwood

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

Covid update – 15th Sept updated guidance – all risk assessment measures retained until Oct break – one-way system, 2m distance where possible, staff wearing masks, etc. Contacts now classed as high risk is household and overnight stay – low risk contact – email letter from Mrs Murray – now being asked a letter to be issued if child deemed low risk – as in shared a classroom – to be extra vigilant for symptoms. Only test and protect will ask people to isolate if deemed high risk.

Parental reporting/consultation – Letter issued to parents today regards how reporting will be done. Parents felt they weren’t getting the correct information at right time. This Thursday there will be a very short report issued giving information as to where the child is at his/her level and the progress they are making on their pathway. There will be no additional comments on the report. Following this there will be a telephone call in October to expand on this. SLC have purchased a parent’s evening cloud to facilitate virtual parents evenings next year. There will be another consultation in March with the final report in June.

Improvement plan – Mental health and wellbeing for children, staff and wider community. Increasing play-based opportunities and developing social subjects, STEM and family learning. Also developing Art and Design and Equity and interventions.

Pupil Equity Funding for the year is £118,354.00. 5% of this has been allocated to the participatory budgeting group – Pupil council and their parents – Government have asked SLC

to allocate this £5,971.70, for them to decide what the school should do with this money. Pupils and their parent/carer have met virtually with Miss Ashwood to share ideas. The top 3 will be shared with the wider parent forum. The PEF spending is split between literacy, numeracy, staffing and health and wellbeing. At present there is approximately £6,000.00 unallocated which will be reviewed going forwards.

After school clubs will hopefully resume prior to Christmas, however this is still limited due to the Covid restrictions.

The normal school sporting events are planned, restrictions allowing.

Local foodbank – Loaves and Fishes are really short of supplies at present – suggest Parent Council help with a collection – perhaps organise for after September break – every child bring in 1 item if they can, Lisa will compile a suggested list.

Parking – there is an issue with the parking on the double yellow lines – and the in-shot which is the turning point for emergency vehicles. Isabelle spoke to some drivers who were parked there, and there have now been calls to the school complaining regards drivers being spoken to. Lisa will contact Barry and Colin local Community Police for assistance and will add a note to the PC Facebook page.

New home learning plan and positive behaviour plans have been implemented and feedback will be sought. At present engagement seems to be up for home learning.

Cost of the school day – needs further discussion at next PC meeting. P7 arrangements and teacher gifts to be added to agenda for Oct meeting.

Allergy awareness / Natasha's Law

Does this affect schools in Scotland? – The content of children's lunches has been published on the SLC website. Children with allergies are dealt with on an individual basis and a protocol put in place. Petro asked if the awareness of allergies could be highlighted to the children in the school. Mrs Murray advised that this is already part of the curriculum and would be dealt with appropriately and the whole class made aware. Staff are aware of which children have special requirements.

Lunch menu changes

SLC tweeted regards possible changes due to food shortages – at present Crosshouse get food delivered on a Thursday so hopefully any issues can be identified then. The schools in the local area will work together to provide what is needed. SLC have an emergency menu which could be implemented if required.

AOB

Swimming – P6 children who should have gone to swimming lessons last year will attend in last term of the year instead. The plan going forward will be for Crosshouse children to attend in P6.

Dalguise for P7 – SLC stance at present is not to book any school trips.

Margaret the Barnardos worker is going to be more visible on a Monday in school – working with small groups.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th October 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

