

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

**Meeting Date – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Present - Lisa Leslie, Lynne Nicholson, Jacqui Galloway, Jen Reed, Fiona Mackie, Nicola Van Henten, Keilly MacDonald, Andrew Brodie, Isabelle Murray, Claire Ashwood, Michael Owens

Councillors- Geri Gray

Co-opt-

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Archie Buchanan, Gayle Hall, Lynsey Hannah, Gillian McGarry, Douglas Van Henten, Sheila Nicholson, Lynne McRitchie, Petro Knox, Lara Tolland, Fiona Dryburgh

### **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 that the community police were contacted and did attend the school to address the parking issue.

A large contribution was donated to Loaves and Fishes food bank from the school.

#### **Financial Review**

Closing balance is £10.08.

#### **Head Teacher**

Scottish education is in a period of reform at present and a huge consultation exercise is underway – link to a parents session was provided in the Zoom chat.

The school improvement plan – play based pedagogy initiative in p1/p2 embrace play-based learning from nursery school.

Miss Ashwood and her group are making videos for their improvement group – How to videos for things such as Sumdog, number talks, etc.

Social subject group are looking at the topics which are studied

Health and mental wellbeing have been looking at staff wellbeing.

AAC work – Makaton is used by some children in the school. This is being expanded to the other children in the school to help make the children who use Makaton feel more included and the children are enjoying participation.

Supported study fund has been allocated £3,500 towards the Covid recovery – this will be used for teachers to provide extra hours after the normal school day to provide extra assistance for those children they feel have been affected most due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Miss Ashwood for example is looking at numeracy for P5 support for around 10 children.

After school clubs – is complex due to the way space is currently used in the school. Mrs Doig is working on getting a program together to provide something for every class.

Additional staff – Miss Brown is supporting P3 interventions as this had been identified as a stage where children could benefit.

Support assistants – Mrs Mooney – catches up with individual learners 3 days a week and Mrs Mitchison assists in the Rainbow Room.

The website has been updated with a new look!

Covid-19 update – no changes to current guidance, unknown how long this will be for.

If a positive case is identified a letter goes out to the class or anyone they have shared a room with to be aware and keep watch for symptoms.

COP26 – every class will do a video and undertake a leadership activity for 1 aspect of climate change and how they can help.

Instrumental music tutors – percussion based for P5 normally takes place at Crosshouse. Our current P7's missed this chance in P5 so it has been decided that every child in Primary 7 will learn the steel drums and form a steel band! Duncanrig Secondary have a steel band and it is hoped some of the children may continue this in secondary.

### **Cost of the school day**

Towards the end of last session there was an issue regards some parents purchasing leavers hoodies – Mrs Murray pointed out that previously leavers hoodies were made and some children had joined school later in the year and their names were not on them, also there is a concern regards pupils names being on them. P7 are currently allowed to wear their Crosshouse School hoody to school on P.E days – the school ensure all P7 children have this available to them. There needs to be plans made for the current P7's to avoid any issue arising.

Some school trips can now be booked – further information will be issued to parents in due course.

### **Teacher gifts**

Teachers cannot accept gifts over a certain value therefore people putting money together to buy a gift cannot be accepted. Lisa will put a note on Facebook regards this.

### **Home learning update**

Miss Ashwood provided feedback on the new home learning at Crosshouse. 69 parent/carer responses were received to a recent survey – 280 children replied.

69.6% said their children were enjoying the new approaches

>80% said that the spelling tasks more appropriate.

Nearly 80% feel the amount of home learning is appropriate.

Nearly 50% said they were engaging more with their children about their learning.

Nearly 70% children enjoy the new home learning.

87% like the new spelling tasks.

68% said no to more spelling tasks.

57% like the pick and mix tasks.

Teachers said 54% children are more engaged, and most learners are submitting their evidence of their home learning.

82% said they are sharing the home learning every Friday.

If you need to contact the child's teacher, please contact via the school office and not via google classroom or put a note in the learning log.

Teachers will provide feedback on a least 1 task per week.

A home learning pack has been issued to children this week to help them with home learning.

Teachers are going to involve the learners in creating the tasks for the Pick and Mix.

A whiteboard and pen will be provided for children to use in addition to their online work.

**AOB**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 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