

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Wednesday 26th January 2022

Present - Lisa Leslie, Douglas van Henten, Jacqui Galloway, Andrew Brodie, Lara Tolland, Isabelle Murray, Fiona Mackie, Jen Reed, Nicola van Henten

Guest- Craig Connon

Apologies - Petro Knox, Lynne McRitchie, Lynne Nicholson, Gayle Hall, Keilly MacDonald, Gillian McGarry, Sheila Nicholson

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.

Financial Review

Closing balance is £10.08.

Play based Pedagogy

Lisa welcomed and thanked Craig Connon for joining the meeting.

Craig provided an overview on the benefits Play Pedagogy bring to the learning environment.

Play Pedagogy supports development of skills such as language, number concepts, hand to eye co-ordination and motor skills. Children develop their cognitive, social, emotional & physical capacities through play.

Through Play Pedagogy, children are able to take ownership of their learning whilst interacting between other children & teachers. It is important that adult led, adult initiated & child led interactions have equal importance.

Staff members from Crosshouse have been attending training on how to introduce Play Pedagogy in to the school environment.

Lara Tolland provided detail on the next steps for Play Pedagogy in Crosshouse. Staff have been very enthusiastic, with children responding well to the change in how the classrooms look. Staff will continue to engage and develop resources, indoor & outdoor. Develop tracking and monitor observations of the children. Crosshouse will also engage with other establishments to learn how they are using Play Pedagogy.

Head Teacher

Minutes from December & November parent council meetings have been uploaded to website today. Parent council are welcome to provide other information which can be added to the school website

Links to PC meeting minutes will be added to the school newsletter and also linked to on social media.

Huge congratulations were given to all children taking part in the Burns. The last celebration held in person in the hall was 2019. Mrs Murray comments on how good it was for the whole school to see it this year.

Health & wellbeing working group will attend February meeting. Social subjects group will attend March meeting.

The ICT upgrade at the school has been successful with computers out of action for a few days. The system is now cloud based, with Crosshouse being the first school in South Lanarkshire to upgrade. This will make ICT & delivery much easier.

The ICT upgrade will now result in a virtual parents evening to be held on March 16th. Parents will be able to book an appointment online. Initial feedback from the staff has been positive.

Interim reports will be issued before parents evening, with a full report in June. Parents will be asked for feedback on this year's reports.

Mrs Murray is currently awaiting guidance on the residential visit to Dalguise. Parents will be emailed this week to hold off on any payment due this week. Any parents who have already paid should not worry as all funds will be in school parent pay account.

P6 will restart swimming on Thursday mornings from 10th March. There will be no charge for lessons or the bus.

P1 enrolment took place 10th January. The school has now made contact with all families, with Head teachers now beginning configuration of classes based on new starts & leavers

P5 & P6 designed flags and banners for the new Benthall Farm development. Mrs Murray noted how nice it was to be out in the local community again. Photos were taken.

A short update was provided on the Pupil Equity Funding with a full report to be provided in the March meeting.

Staffing – Mr Connelly Trainer still absent and is expected to be for the long term. Miss Ashwood will continue in room 11.

Mrs Alexander will start Maternity leave in March. Mrs Murray is awaiting an update on cover.

Parents have been requesting children are moved away from windows in the class. Mrs Murray updated on the need for the windows to be open for ventilation. The windows have radiators underneath them, and if the classroom feels cold, the windows are closed with only the top windows left open.

Significant covid mitigations still in place in school. Schools are unique places, more children gathering & they are non-vaccinated. Tried to be clear what happens with every case. Letters submitted where appropriate.

AOB

Fiona Mackie comments on how good the Covid letters to help people be extra vigilant.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd February - 7:15pm

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