

Crosshouse Parent Council (“PC”)

Meeting Date – Tuesday 29th March 2022

Present - Lisa Leslie, Lynne Nicholson, Jacqui Galloway, Jen Reed, Isabelle Murray, Lynne McRitchie, Claire Ashwood, Mrs Noon, Lara Tolland, Fiona Mackie

Councillors-

Co-opt-

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Lynsey Hannah, Fiona Dryburgh, Gillian McGarry, Gayle Hall, Andrew Brodie, Petro Knox, Michael Owens, Archie Buchanan, Sheila Nicholson, Douglas Van Henten, Nicola Van Henten, Keilly MacDonald, Geri Gray

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.

Social subjects improvement group

Mrs Noon took the PC through the social studies improvement group. The group has been working hard on topic work. Aims were to develop a consistent, relevant curriculum to motivate all learners to attain, achieve and believe. Surveys were carried out to ascertain any issues with the topics, what were favourites and disliked. A range of topics stood out as being liked to be taught however some topics were being repeated. Teachers would like some direction into what topics to teach in their year group, and also to ensure matches with the expected Scottish Curriculum. History will be taught relevant to Scotland i.e. toys in Scotland in the past, castles, through the decades and WW1 and WW2 and slavery. Environmental subjects like geography look at weather, seasons, under the sea, rainforest and climate change, countries in different countries etc and compare all these to life in Scotland. For Modern Studies would be looking at those who help in the community, starting school in P1, Scottish Farming, Enterprise, Financial Education, Fairtrade and Sectarianism and Discrimination and refugees and asylum seekers for P7.

Teachers would like to have similar themes each year but different aspects of them. For example, each stage of the school looks at different aspects of Scotland in January and then can share with the whole school. Also, the topic of East Kilbride is very interesting for the children and helps them be in touch with their local area.

Head Teacher

Mrs Murray congratulated Miss Ashwood on her promotion who has worked at Crosshouse for 11 years! Miss Ashwood will attend Dalguise with Crosshouse and will attend a residential trip with her new school.

Updated risk assessment for Covid on 17th March – meaning face coverings do remain at present. Asymptomatic testing ends end of this term and the warning letters will no longer be required. No restrictions to events and the next PC meeting can be in person – socially distanced. Let needs to be booked.

End of terms events can be planned.

Ventilation remains and increased hand washing. Each class has a Co2 monitor.

Hopefully each class will have a school trip this year. The cost is the problem at present – P1 wanted to go to Safari park but total £23 per child due to an increase in travel costs. Fundraising committee will donate some fundraising money to assist with school trips along with any money from PEF.

Traffic management audit – did not do so well. Serious safety concerns were witnessed on the day of the audit and observed by the health & safety officer. Complaints are made to the school on a daily basis. Action needs to be taken, the community police Colin and Barry were in school today to discuss possible courses to take.

Staffing – Mrs Alexanders baby is due any day now.

Mr Connolly-Traynor is hopefully returning after Easter, on a phased return.

Mr Rafferty will take over room 11 when Miss Ashwood leaves.

Parents evening – went really well, lots of positive feedback from staff, teachers are only allocated 7 mins even in person. However, some parents would have preferred to have had the tracking information in advance so that the discussion could be more 2 way. Moving forwards looks like parent's evening may be able to take place in person.

AOB

PE Kit – Will things change with regards to children wearing PE kit to school on gym days? - Nothing will change this term – this will be put out for consultation – saves time with younger children. However branded tracksuits should not be worn to school.

Photographer – photos will be issued once they have all been put together.

Date of next meeting: 26th April 2022 – either in person or hybrid.

OPEN ACTIONS

CLOSED ACTIONS