

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

**Meeting Date – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Present - Lynsey Hutton, Lynne McRitchie, Jacqui Galloway, Lynne Nicholson, Caroline, Audrey Grubb, Heather, Mrs L McDougall, Miss McKane

Councillors- Archie Buchannan, Matthew Buchannan

Co-opt- Sheila Nicholson

Parents-

Guest- N/A

Apologies - Fiona Mackie, Petro Knox, Geri Gray

### **Parent Council Meeting**

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

Lynsey welcomed everyone to the PC meeting and apologies noted.

#### **Review of Outstanding Actions & Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes agreed by all parties.

#### **Financial information**

£85.49 balance. Audit complete for 2023/24, signatories all updated. May need to look for alternative banking due to local branch closing.

#### **Headteacher**

Staff changes – Mrs Scott-Mckee is leaving to work for a charity – Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr Owens – Is now covering career break indefinitely.

Miss Boyle – Career break to Australia – after Oct break.

Rm 4 Miss Wark has swapped with Mrs Hart Rm 3.

Miss Wark is due to leave for maternity in December.

School improvement plan – digital technology improvement group have met and there are more children than adults involved.

PEF – continues as outline in previous meetings.

Meet the teacher very well attended.

Traffic management continues to be an area that needs to be worked on – assessment takes place tomorrow. Local police have attended to assist with this also.

Parent's evening is 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – there have been requests for appointments out with this date, due to people being unavailable due to holidays during term time – due to the number of requests this will be dealt with via a telephone conversation, unless extenuating circumstances.

Social media – letter was issued at start of term to all parents with support of the parent council.

School communications are via ParentPortal and Twitter (X).

### **Miss McKane**

Promoting positive behaviour/ supporting distressed behaviours policy shared.

Children with ASN – Morgan review how to be supportive in school – through relationships with adults in school – 30% of children in a mainstream class have diagnosed ASN (2020).

Schools should be an inclusive environment.

SLC approach equity and excellence in education.

Presumption of mainstream – all children will attend mainstream school unless very specific circumstances. Therefore, broader needs in mainstream classes. It is now law that children who require specific needs have access to these.

Schools do have their own policies to reflect this.

Attachment strategy is used in Crosshouse – informed, trauma, sensitive, nurturing environment.

All behaviour is communication – not always verbally.

Staged intervention is used to manage behaviour – plan is put in place for the child and involves parent/carers, and if needed other agencies.

Incidents that occur are tracked and reviewed monthly.

There is a “hands off approach”, unless the child is in danger of hurting themselves or someone else.

Anti-bullying – policy has been reviewed and Miss McKane will be leading working group this year.

Further information available on SLC website.

### **Mrs McDougall**

Reading schools / Reading culture – lots of events to encourage reading to develop good habits.

Library has been updated – this is only 1 aspect of the reading culture.

Reading schools video shared – information can be viewed online.

Crosshouse will be working towards accreditation – there is a reading schools group in school which meet regularly.

The lending library needs to be reintroduced at Crosshouse – this will need to be done manually, older children could complete this themselves, but P1-3 would need help.

Any help from parent/carers to read with the children would be appreciated – volunteers can contact school for further information.

## **AOB**

### Dates PCC Meetings

29th Oct

28th Nov

17th Dec

30th Jan

25th Feb

27th March

29th May AGM