

Crosshouse Primary School and ELC

Parent Council Meeting 23.10.25

Welcome

Lynne McRitchie welcomed everyone to meeting. She shared apologies see below.

Apologies: Lynsey Hutton, Petra Knox, Vivienne Paterson and Natalie Mercer

Finance

Account balance £308.19.

Head Teacher

Mrs Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting. New members warmly welcomed, and introductions made. For information Mrs Murray provided an overview of her role in respect of Parent Council which is primarily to provide advice, support and guidance.

School Improvement

Following our School Inspection, Mrs Murray shared that she would present this to Committee, South Lanarkshire Council in the coming weeks.

Mrs Murray further shared that from the inspection process, we identified writing as an area for improvement for this session. Mrs Murray introduced Mr McGeehan, Principal Teacher (Acting). Mr McGeehan has taken a lead role in developing of writing across the school.

Presentation: Video - Providing an overview of Improvement our Writing programme.

Mrs Murray provided further information on this programme, sharing that improving writing is really tricky as there are lots of elements to consider. As a School this programme was identified as it breaks down these elements and introducing changes in small incremental steps 'sprints'. Mrs Murray explained the sprint process, working together, on the same focus, everyday!

Mrs Murray explained a wide range of areas were identified that we need to work on through analysis of our attainment in writing. Following staff discussion, we have decided as a school to focus on the element of Describing Bubbles to work on as our first sprint. Mrs Murray explained we will do 3 sprints this year beginning with Describing Bubbles (additional sprints have not been decided yet).

Group discussion.

Mrs Murray will update the Parent Council over the next few months.

Chaplaincy Guidance

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to report to the Parent Council on this area. The school have no Chaplaincy Team at the present time. As a non-denominational school, we do not engage in any religious observance. At appropriate times through the school year, we will engage in times of reflection.

After School Clubs

Mrs Murray shared parental questions have been raised in respect of after school clubs. At the present time, the school have a wide range of clubs supported by staff and outside organisations. Children's engagement in clubs in and out of school are monitored and tracked, ensuring these

opportunities are widely available. Mrs Murray recognised that staff take clubs out with their contractual hours. Some stages may have more clubs (P6, P7). This is in response to competing at sporting events that are supported by South Lanarkshire Council.

Mrs McRitchie commented on how lovely it was to see staff from supported classes attending Inclusion recent Sporting event.

Crosshouse Primary champion participation and including all learners who wish to be involved in clubs and sporting events.

Musical Tuition

This is supported throughout the Authority in Primary 5. All schools are offered music tuition to individual pupils. Tuition is free however instruments are not freely available. As a school we decided to invest in drums to support whole class tuition.

At the present time we provide: Class Tuition in Primary 5 (drums) and in P7 (music teacher from Duncanrig Secondary).

Social Media

At the present time photographs are published on our school newsletter. Blue Sky programme does not appear to be appropriate for Crosshouse currently. Mrs Murray has applied for an Instagram Account, and this has now been authorised. This medium is private and would only be open to followers authorised by Mrs Murray. SLC IT Department have asked for feedback if we decide to take this forward. Other schools in Scotland have this platform and one other school in South Lanarkshire.

Group discussion followed. A mixed range of views. Mrs Murray explained how this platform would be protected through parents/carers agreeing to not forward images. Agreement that the Parent Council will pilot this platform.

Staffing

Depute Head Post (previously Mr Owens' post) – permission to advertise this has been applied for. Principal Teacher post (previously

AOCB

Laura Scott nominated by Lynne McRitchie, seconded Heather Matthews. Petro Knox has stepped down as Treasurer, Laura Scott nominated as Treasurer by Lynne McRitchie, seconded by Clare Feehan. Petro Knox nominated as Secretary by Audrey Grubb, seconded by Lynne McRitchie.

Fruit Trees

Heather Matthews suggested planting of fruit trees around Willow Hill. Mrs Murray updated group in respect of groundworks due to take place at the back of Willow Hill. Once this has been completed, Mrs Murray will liaise with Heather in respect of fruit trees.

Next meeting

Tuesday 25th November 2025.

