

## **Crosshouse Parent Carer Council (PCC)**

**Meeting Date – Wednesday, 25 November 2025**

<u>Present</u> -	Isabelle Murray, Greig Ramage, Lynne McRitchie, Caroline Graham, Claire Feehan, Vivian Patterson, Ashley Hayes, Emma Holmes
<u>Councillors</u> -	Archie Buchannan
<u>Co-opt</u> -	None
<u>Parents</u> -	None
<u>Guest</u> -	N/A
<u>Apologies</u> -	Matthew Buchannan, Audrey Grubb, Natalie Mercer, Heather, 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.

Outstanding action is to still update the bank signatures to complete treasurer hand over

#### **Financial information**

£308.19 on 25 November

#### **Other actions**

The bake donations to be send out for bake table for the fair on the 4th of December. PCC will be manning the table at the fair.

We will go the Hancocks to get a box of cables

Raising the consideration of still needing helpers for the fair stalls

#### **Headteacher Report**

Mrs Murray thanked Heather for painting the benches and library chair

**Operation Crosshouse Christmas** has officially commenced

**Rewards** - We received a reading reward today and digital school reward a couple weeks ago

**School writing improvement plan (IOW)** - the school is currently working on their first sprint. Teachers are taking initiative to find clever ways to have the children engage better. Mrs Murray shared a learner's writing using the writing bubble concept on how the learner described how Scotland qualified for the football world cup. The implementation has been done across all the levels in school from nursery to P7.

**Instagram account** - you can only share info to another follower and not to someone that is not a follower of an Instagram account. Testing is currently only done with a set of parents from PCC until 100% surety and confirmation sign-off that the account is secure for child safety regulations.

**Inspector reports** the school received a fair amount of press due to the positive feedback

**P6 Swimming** - The school confirmed that P6 pupils do not need to pay for travel to swimming lessons as they can use their existing bus passes. The cost of swimming lessons is approximately £900 per class, totalling £1,800 for two classes, in addition to instructor fees. The full cost includes two to three instructors per session (£18 per instructor) and a per-child fee of £2.05 over the 9-week block.

Swimming is not part of the core curriculum, so the school is not required to fund it. However, many pupils who cannot yet swim benefit significantly from these lessons. At present, the school is unable to cover the full cost and is exploring options to allow P6 pupils to continue accessing swimming lessons without passing the financial burden on to families. Any suggestions on how to raise the funds are welcome.

#### **Cost of a school day update by Mr Ramage**

- 26% of kids are in poverty
- 21% on electoral roll
- 28% of parents struggle to pay for everything for kids for school
- 'Poverty is the greatest barrier to learning in education today'
- 70% of children living in poverty live in working households
- Why it matters - poverty can place barriers on learning, household budget, influence parenting considerations and create stigma of exclusions
- PCC was included in a tasked activity to gain better insight on how cost can affect living circumstances. Things such as uniforms, clubs, food, fuel, etc
- The full cost of school day policy was shared along with another activity shared for greater understanding
- When we get it rights it means that barriers are removed which means kids can feel safe, included in school.
- Children want from school and politicians is the have access to school without difficulties, such as clothing, clubs, trips, equipment, lunches and most importantly feel safe and included.
- [southlanarshire.gov.uk/fin](https://southlanarshire.gov.uk/fin) - for governmental funding that we as PCC should have a look at.
- Do children have solutions - do not make assumptions, fundraising that does not involve parents to contribute to, greater poverty awareness to reduce bullying, make sure costs are affordable, sensitive staff and discretion.
- Our next steps - consultation to have a survey to include all school needs and pupil council to see how to help, review all information received that should be annual and find ways to support the review.
- Businesses may allocate moneys to charities for tax benefits.

**DHT Recruitment** has already commenced. The PCC Chair and Vice are to be included in the interview process

**AOB**

- Parking is an ongoing on Sandpiper
- PCC is advised to invite Local Police
- When there are resources the Police will come and assist.

**PCC Meetings Dates** - Any interested parent from the school is welcome to join

- Monday 26th January
- Thursday 26th February
- Tuesday 24th March
- Wednesday 22nd April
- Monday 11th May
- Monday 29th May AGM