**Crosshouse Primary School**

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**Communication Centre**

**Parent Council/PTA**

Wednesday 1st March

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| PRESENT: Elaine Dougan, Tina Gaitens, Janice Smyth, Jeanette Diamond, Lena Crossan, Fiona Auld, Georgie Edgar, Christine Kumar, Eddie Marshall |
| APOLOGIES: Sharon Stevenson, Emma Findlay, Laura Blair |
| HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT:   *    %$&'& $()&'  & $!\*&+"#  &,$&,$-.&   ,!,"&&  .&/"$%!!,"01   !  "" !!!  # !$!  $#"" !%  #$& !! #$&"" !'  & !() &$\*"" !  \* !+$!,-) ."" /!0)1  . !"2)$!3 .$\*"" !!  4 !') 4$5"" !62  5 !  !)&23&%43&(  $2"7  **Communication**  We have developed a new school blog/website which is available at:  <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/crosshousepsecccoms2016/>  Here we will post information about the primary school, Communication Centre and Early Childhood Centre. We would like to know whether you would be happy for children’s photos to be included on the site bearing in mind it is a public site. We would not name children or have anything other than photos of children enjoying the various lessons and activities at school.  We are in the process of developing a Facebook page also which will hopefully help with day to day information and updates. Again we would like to hear if you would be happy for children’s photos to be included, again without naming children.  **Dyslexia Friendly School**  The steering group have been developing Coats boxes. Some parents made donations of ear defenders and fidget toys to support this development. The action plan has been formulated and our bid for Dyslexia Friendly School Bronze award will be submitted by 22nd March.  For consultation:   * Leaflet developed for steering group pupils * Information Leaflet for Parents about DFS * Dyslexia Indicators leaflets for 1st and 2nd level * The DFS policy   The steering group will have a stall on parent’s night offering information on DFS.  **Pupil Equity Funding**  Draft guidelines have been drawn up for spending this money. There is a very tight timescale. I require to have a proposition ready for 2 weeks today. This will then be brought to the Education Group for discussion and to see if there are any similarities and potential for sharing resources.  A letter will be coming out with some information on this – I have been sent a draft from the Head of Schools.  Consultation – do parents have ideas about how they would like this money spent? Money is to raise attainment and close the gap between the poorest and the most affluent children and families. Ideas can be emailed to me.  Some things to consider: learning assistants/supported study at lunchtime or afterschool/ enhanced pay for teachers taking on a promoted role for a specific task e.g. ASN /behaviour support/ family home link worker/ Early Years workers in P1 to support class teachers/ technology to support the targeted pupils.  **Scottish Attainment Challenge Funding**  The local authority have bid for this money and as far as I am aware have secured a substantial amount. I hope to hear that our school will benefit from some of this money but am as yet unclear exactly what we will get.  **Class structure for next year**  Not yet finalised.  **World Autism Awareness Week - Onesie Wednesday! 29th**  **Developing Your Parent Council Event Monday 13th March Glasgow**  **Extension - meeting scheduled for later in the month**  **GL Assessment**  All attainment challenge authority schools in Scotland are having baseline online reading assessments to give data on children’s attainment. Our P5s have had this assessment and next our P4 and P7 pupils will be assessed shortly.  **Pupil Council**  Pupil council have money to spend from the yellow bin collection. They are currently looking at more toys for the playground.  **Dancefest**  Our after school street dance pupils are performing at the palace theatre in dancefest this year on March the 15th  **Afterschool** – Badminton, Tri golf, football, street dance  **College Students** P1 gymnastics,CC infants, lunchtime football skills. |
| FUNDRAISING/PTA REPORT:  Parent Council funds stand at £1,506.64 following the Valentines Disco.  We will try to run a raffle at the Parents’ Night and/or sponsor to raise some additional funds.  Elaine to check with school regarding Leavers ties, disco. |
| AOCB:  Village Fun Day is scheduled for 17th June and the theme is Highland Games. |
| DATE OF NEXT MEETING:  AGM – Wednesday 10th May at 1900. |