**Crosshouse Primary School**

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**Communication Centre**

**Parent Council/PTA**

Thursday 25th January 2018

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| PRESENT: Elaine Dougan, Tina Gaitens, Fiona Auld, Nicola Finnegan, Karen Scott Martin, Ashley Burrie, Charlene Beckley |
| APOLOGIES: Sharon Stevenson, Eddie Marshall, Laura Blair, Kim Mulhern, Julie McChesney |
| MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: n/a |
| HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT:   *    %$&'& $()&'  & $!\*&+"#  &,$&,$-.&   ,!,"&&  .&/"$%!!,"01   !  "" !!!  # !$!  $#"" !%  #$& !! #$&"" !'  & !() &$\*"" !  \* !+$!,-) ."" /!0)1  . !"2)$!3 .$\*"" !!  4 !') 4$5"" !62  5 !  !)&23&%43&(  $2"7  **Staffing**  We are delighted to welcome Mrs Docherty in P1 and Mrs Collins in P3. In our Communication Centre we welcome three new classroom assistants, Mrs. Duddy, Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. Morton.    **Christmas Show**  Last month, Crosshouse Primary and Communication Centre presented “It’s a Baby” and “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves” at their Christmas Show in the church hall. I would like to thank both the staff and pupils for all their efforts in order to produce excellent Christmas productions.   In total the show raised £951.95 for school funds. This money will go a long way to help with additional resources, transport, etc. Thanks to everyone who supported us.  **Christmas Fayre**  A massive thank you to all the parents who organised and ran the Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and raised much needed funds.  **MSP Visit**  Employability Minister Jamie Hepburn MSP visited the school recently to meet with the apprentices involved in building our new sensory cabin “The Hive” and shared some time with pupils.  **Charity Donations**  Between August and December 2017 Crosshouse Primary and Communication Centre raised a total of £623.25 for charities.  We participated in Go Purple, wearing something purple to school in aid of Ayrshire Hospice raising 164.50, Children in need wearing something spotty raising £214.39 and Rookie Rockstars anti bullying charity raising £97.00. Primary 6 & 7 raised 928.05 at their MacMillan Coffee fundraiser. Our choir also attended Morrisons in December, alongside other schools, to ‘Sing Out for Hansel’ raising funds for this worthwhile charity.  **Donations & Grants**  We have recently been successful in achieving another grant from Edina Trust, £600 for more new Science Equipment.  We would like to thank the Parent Council for a donation of £250 towards the cost of our Primary 7 leaver hoodies. The Communication Centre would like to thank Caron Bishop for her donation of £200. These donations are hugely appreciated.  **Nessie Bins**  Remember to bring your old clothing and shoes to our Nessie Bins which are situated at each end of the school building.  This raises much needed funds for the school which the children will take charge of spending.  **Labelling Clothing**  Please ensure **all**items of clothing are labelled, including outdoor jackets, sweatshirts and packed lunch boxes.  Hopefully this will prevent parents having to replace such items.    **Choir** Some of our pupils had an amazing experience rehearsing for the Children in need Choir which culminated in them being part of the Children in need show at the BBC Studios in Glasgow. On 26th Nov some pupils also entertained at the Christmas Light Switch On in Kilmarnock Town Centre. As well as singing at Morrisons ‘Sing Out for Hansel’. Well done to everyone involved!  **Icy Conditions**  May I take this opportunity to remind parents, pupils and visitors to the school that should the weather deteriorate our priority will be to clear access paths in the playground from Playingfield Road and the Spar car park – both entrances to the school.  All pedestrians are asked to use the paths which have been cleared, but to exercise extreme caution when doing so.  Please remember the area behind the school will be out of bounds should the weather be icy. We may not have enough salt to cover the whole playground so will risk assess daily to ensure the playground is safe for children and if not we will require to have breaks indoors. Likewise the doors will be open for children at 8.45am should there be icy conditions outside.    **Primary 7 Swimming Lessons**  This term, Primary 7 will be involved in the ‘Learn to Swim’ programme which will take place at the Galleon Centre, every Tuesday for 6 weeks commencing Tuesday 9th January (excluding 13th Feb).  Pupils are reminded to bring appropriate swimwear, remove all jewellery before coming to school and to take a £1 coin to access a locker.  **Celebrating Robert Burns**  The school hosted its Annual Scottish Poetry Competition in honour of Burns Day. A Burns Assembly for pupils was held on Thursday 25th January.  Each class had prepared a poem or song and pupils were judged on Thursday 25th January.  Both the winners and runners up recited their poem or song at our Burns Event on Friday 26th January.    **Football Team**  Joe Spencer and Fiona Richmond, parents of former pupils Andrew and Joe very generously bought the school team new strips which they will wear for the first time in our game against St. Ninians in Prestwick on Tuesday 30th January.  **Girls Football**  Girls football heats for Primary 4 & 5  are being held on Wednesday 7th February at Grange Academy. Primary 6 & 7 Girls are attending Ayrshire College Kilmarnock on Wednesday 21st February for East Ayrshire Girls football.    **Afterschool Clubs**  Primary 3 to 7 Girls will be participating in football club until the Easter holidays. Our dance club will resume on 29th January for Primary 6 & 7 pupils until the Easter holidays. We are running a basketball club for Primary 4 to 6 pupils until 27th February. Cycling proficiency training will commence in March for p6 pupils, date to be confirmed soon.    **Nut Allergy**  Can we please remind all parents that we have a few people in the school that have a severe nut Allergy. Please support us by making sure your child does not bring any foods into school that may contain nuts?    **Dogs in playground**  We also have a child in the school with an allergy to dog hair. Dogs are **not permitted inside any school grounds in East Ayrshire**and I would be most grateful if you could comply with this both from a dog fouling point of view and because many people have a fear of dogs and can be intimidated by dogs –even if your dog has a lovely nature they can still frighten others.    **Behaviour**  We continue to see a fall in the number of red slips issued across the school. Thank you for your continued support in promoting positive behaviour in Crosshouse Primary School and Communication Centre. I wish to commend the pupils on their excellent behaviour at the Christmas parties and Pantomime which helped to make all events even more enjoyable. I am delighted to have received glowing reports on our children’s behaviour when attending events out with the school.    **Absence**  Parents and carers are reminded to alert the school office of children’s absence **by 9.15am** on the first day of absence.  The school telephone number is 01563 521459**.  If children have had a sickness or diarrhoea bug, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped**.  If your child has not turned up for school and we have no reason for their absence, we will contact you by telephone or text message to advise you.  It is therefore extremely important that mobile numbers are kept up to date.  If you do not have a mobile number the text will be sent to a land line.  **Latecomers**  If your child arrives late to school it is essential they report to the school office to notify us of their presence and advise whether or not they are having a cafeteria lunch.    **Parent Council**  The parent council are holding a Valentines disco for the children on Thursday 8th February, Primary 1 to 3 from 6.30 to 7.30pm and Primary 4 to 7 from 7.45 to 9pm.  Parents from the parent council will be in school on this Thursday 1st February to sell tickets £2 includes tuckshop. The next parent council meeting will be on Thursday 1st March. All parents are welcome and you do not need to join the parent council to come along and help out. We really appreciate all the support we receive from the parent council to enhance the children’s experiences.    **Fundraising Effort**  Congratulations to Cyrah Weir of Primary 7 who is raising money for The Little Princess charity who provide real hair wigs to children who have suffered hair loss mainly due to cancer. Cyrah is raising money by being sponsored to have her very long hair cut. She is donating her hair to make wigs for the children. Well done Cyrah we are all very proud of you.  %&%",!,&2  "(15 "-  (6$"7$  "7&&$"3  $81$ "$  !  #$$  "27  &2! "  &2  3708)  %&+&&&+&  #&&%$!\*#"  9/%":&&;$&&;$  %)<",  "$."  &$  32-  %!$!!.":  !"= "<!!.  ,!.$"'>/2(!$4%7  7 !  !.  %)   ?@$ ' A$ #  ,"$!."   "!."="  $$@  #$"$B%  $=!  8"-7  2!@$!  !$#)"  -!=!$  %"C$$DC D  57  !54""    "\*<5&1  %  "  %.!$&!$""$  :$-!# E2/F,9:G    "  !$"!$H(5  $7:$#$  "!!/""0  '3,'&,I1,#  A$3,\*&9I1,3 -  @$3,A,I1\*&,  #3&9I1,'#  ,$! 6!  "  $"(5!."/,%$$/  "%%  $J$6!!$$  )27)2):  $""()1(5"++/$$%  KE ,9@FKE! !,69$@G!!"+$+!$/  $""  60;<  H\*+/H6"%&9"(5/3A;"(  42=2)!  #!"$"(($  ("  H9,H$    2@$"%$!  9$  '  (5!@L  !  7!!7!  !.;  %#> 5  $"6/4"5    \*<5  !("L$  3?(  (1)$M9,3%$"  "=$L"  "  "2  &4$$%"  "%23HF.G  Instrumental tui7on  #:B!("$#  :B(5  A@endance  #$"7  "7"$(N"$$before  9am%N<)O "B  =(!"  "$  "B$:" 48 hours"  B""!3!  P67Q  School Lunches  &$$$"1%!"  #$RH$  $#6$  H#"%  .$$#$$BOB$  &"  " @  "(1/!"(1$!""    Gym Kit / Clothes Labelling  ("$$#  "$9$L""   $"6$  $!  (6$ =N!"6$$"  %JA(6L "$.  Parents Mee7ngs  (6$    H"<1S<  Parent Council and PTA  %=!$"(,F!$(%G%S    /5  ,3(""$""!  Health Promo7ng School  !$"$"  (.>>$:B$3$:.>>  "!":  Health and Safety |
| FUNDRAISING/PTA REPORT:  Current balance is £2423.79.  Christmas Fayre made £1399 after all bills/costs.  Valentines Disco scheduled for Thursday 8th February – 630-730 and 745-900.  DJ & Hall are confirmed.  Tuck – Charlene  Tickets – Julie & Karen  Prizes – Elaine  Helpers for the night – Julie, Karen, Larissa  Elaine to check with Doreen on numbers for leavers & joiners ties. |
| AOCB:  None |
| DATE OF NEXT MEETING:  Next meeting – Thursday 1st March at 1900. |