**Crosshouse Primary School**

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**Communication Centre**

**Parent Council/PTA**

Thursday 8th September

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| PRESENT: Elaine Dougan, Tina Gaitens, Charlene Beckley, Karen Scott Martin, Kirsten Duncan, Julie McChesney |
| APOLOGIES: Ashley Burrie, Nicola Finnegan, Sharon Stevenson, Kim Mulhern |
| 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 welcome Mrs Moore back to P4/5CC  Charlene Paterson has started in a CA role for mainstream. This is a temporary contract until June 2019.  **School Improvement Plan**  Word Aware our new vocabulary teaching pedagogy is in place.  In service in February will focus on Restorative Approaches. There will be a parent workshop on this also.  ECC have completed their piece of work on transitions.  Numbertalks have been taught mainly by Mrs Allan however we need to look at teachers rolling this out for themselves next session. There will be a parent workshop at 3.30pm on 29th January.  Massage in schools programme was a great success however, we need to have teachers using it more.  Mrs Thomson is leading the digital schools award work – still to get underway  In terms of increasing links with business partners the campus are intending on holding a careers fayre for pupils and have been in contact with several businesses.  **Community involvement**  We had a very successful project with Crosshouse Hospital Radio with children performing and visiting the studio. We intend to continue this with our Burns Poetry.  **Project Board Update**  Next meeting will be on 23rd January. Previous meeting was postponed as nothing to report.  **After School Clubs**  We have not yet had notification of which clubs will be running this term but there definitely will be clubs. Cherryl our Active Schools Coordinator will be popping in to school tomorrow to arrange.  **Nut Allergy**  **Other school business:**   * Icy conditions – we will not risk children’s safety by allowing them out if it is icy underfoot. Equally the doors will open at 8.45 to allow children inside in icy conditions. * P7 swimming is underway * P1 registration takes place week commencing 14th January. Looks like a very small P1 class next year but the following year will be bigger. * Burns/Scottish poetry event judging will take place on Wednesday 23rd January with Mr Marshall, Mrs Tweedie and Mrs Dougan. There will be a Burns event for parents of the finalists on Friday 25th. * Behaviour has been very good in school. * Please refer to the newsletter for diary dates. It should be out in the next week. * Donations of pants and socks. **ACTION – Julie to buy and hand in to school** * P5 will be going to Sky Academy in Livingstone on the 18th. * Go Fitba continues for the next 3 weeks * P7 transition day to Grange on 19th Feb * Tempest Photographer in school on 5th and 6th March for individual and family photos and also P1 and P7 group photos. * Parents evening 27th March * Girls football – cluster cup – still to play Hillhead and Gargieston. * Football team – next game against Barshare in the cup but hope to play Annanhill in a friendly before then. * Jump into Movement is a programme we will be introducing this term aimed at supporting gross and fine motor skills with targeted children. This will involve two of our classroom assistants being trained to run the programme in order that we can continue to offer it independently going forward. * Cogmed is another programme we hope to offer to a targeted group of pupils to support the development of working memory. * There has been a request from the infant teachers to ask the PC if they might consider buying some new reading books for them. **ACTION – Teachers to share a list with Parent Council who will then purchase** |
| FUNDRAISING/PTA REPORT:  Christmas Fayre raised £1700.76.  Valentines Disco on Thursday 7th February – 1830-1930 and 1945-2100. Request for the Hall has been submitted and just needs confirming by Church. DJ is booked.  **Actions**   * **Advertise for Helpers on Facebook – School** * **Prizes for Games – Elaine** * **Tickets – Julie- Friday and Tuesday before** * **Tuck (nut free) – Karen**   Agreement to arrange another fundraiser in May. Fridays in Bowling Club are free so **Julie to confirm availability with Sally Buxton** for Psychic Night. |
| AOCB:  None |
| DATE OF NEXT MEETING:  Next Parent Council Meeting – 7th March at 1900 |