

Grange Parent Council Meeting

9 June 2020

Platform - Zoom

Attendance

Fiona Paterson (Co-Chair)
Alison Holland ((Co-Chair)
Claire Bryson
Samantha Waddell
Robert Johnston
Stephen Cowan
Elaine Crawford
Kirsty Clelland
Amanda McKinlay
Kirsty Hart
Samantha McEwan
Viv Lambert

Apologies if any names were missed.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the new parents joining us this evening. At the last zoom parent council meeting the school gave us an update on the current situation and a discussion was had surrounding this. No set agenda. Will now pass to teachers / heads to give us an update.

Head Teacher / Teachers report and update

Robert

The school has a huge task ahead of them planning for school return in August. There has been no final decision from the local authority as yet. There are many parameters that will influence the decisions taken. Some staff will be returning to the school with the view to making the school safe for staff to return. The return of staff will at this stage be on a needs must basis. Their aim is to make sure the learning environment is set up and safe for the return of the pupils. This will be done on a controlled basis.

Elaine

Elaine and other staff have been working hard with regards to the challenges faced by the P7 - S1 transitions. They have spoken with all the P7 teachers and spoken about each individual child. This has been done with all the associated schools. All placing request pupils have been taken into consideration as well. They have pulled data together to make class lists. The new S1's have been particularly keen to find out their class list and timetable. A Microsoft Teams group has been set up for the new S1's which has over 200 pupils in the team. This platform is being used to send them regular updates and videos and information about Grange Academy. The staff have been busy working on putting the class lists together and allocations them to their guidance teachers. Pupils have been making contact with some questions and chat via Teams. Elaine is happy with the feedback and the contact that has been made with the new S1's. There has been arrangements made for a small group of S1's who will be invited into the school for transitions

during the last couple of weeks before the summer holidays. This group will be contacted individually.

Stephen - Presentation to the Parent Council

Below are the main points of the presentation

Slide 1

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES

1. Everyone is kept safe
2. well-being of young people
3. well-being of staff
4. Providing the best possible learning experience ensuring all young people make progress

Slide 2

JUNE

1. Staff access to the building
2. Risk Assessments and H&S Protocols must be in place
3. Clear purpose - Why?
4. Managed / timetabled access
5. Pupils - Enhanced transitions for most vulnerable only / Possible 'HUB' provisions during the last 2 weeks of June

Slide 3

AUGUST

1. Health and Safety
 - Risk Assessments
 - Cleaning Regimes
 - Physical distancing
 - Minimising movement and mixing
2. How many pupils?
3. How many Staff?
4. High Quality Learning and Teaching (face to face AND Remote) - what does a blended model look like?

Slide 4

CURRICULAR MODELS CONSIDERED...

Factors

1. How many pupils can we safely have in the building?
2. Size of teaching groups?
3. Most vulnerable / BGE / Senior Phase
4. Working Time agreement

Slide 4

OUR CONTEXT AND REALITY

Stage	Roll	%	Comb
S1	238	18.4%	705
S2	238	18.4%	
S3	229	17.6%	54.4%
S4	236	18.2%	591
S5	215	16.6%	
S6	140	10.8%	45.6%
TOTAL	1296		

House	Roll	%
Bruce	311	25.6%
Douglas	306	25.2%
Graham	300	24.8%
Hamilton	299	24.6%

SLIDE 5 AREAS TO CONSIDER

Entry and exit to building	cleaning and hygiene regimes
Physical Distancing (in class)	General Building readiness / Risk Ass.
Movement around School	transport
Classroom / social area capacity	first aid provision
management of toilet facilities	Emergency evacuation procedures
Use of outdoor and leisure spaces	Hub provision (critical / key workers)
Use of equipment and resources	vulnerable YP provision
social times	communications and inductions

End of Presentation

Robert

The model is being designed based on the entire campus - Grange Academy, Annanhill Primary and Park School

The situation currently is ever changing the any model needs to be flexible according to the government guidelines. This is a complex issue and although progress has been made - not all the issues have been ironed out yet. The school is very much aware that they need to be able to respond to the needs of families with more than one child attending school in one household in different years. The school is also very conscience of issues and challenges that families will face regarding childcare.

Elaine

Pupil Council

A range of pupils from the school - primarily from the senior phase have been set up with a live audio Teams meeting to form a pupil council. These meetings have been interesting and useful. Some feedback from the pupils is that they too would love to have access to visual / video lessons but they understand that this is not possible to set up and the reasons why. Pupils are enjoying using both Show my Homework and Teams and enjoy both platforms for different reasons. Most pupils found that moving to the new timetable has given them motivation once again to access the work the teachers are allocating and get work handed in.

Other

Activities ie DOE / School of rugby?

The school very much understands the health and wellbeing that these such activities address. PE will still very much be part of the curriculum but the school will be following the government guidelines regarding activities and contact sports.

Is there likely to be exams in 2021?

Currently there has been no indication yet as to if the SQA exams will go ahead in 2021. Robert is trying to get information from the SQA. Currently no information has yet been shared. There is a possibility that SQA exams may not go ahead and that grades will be based on class work and internal assessments. On the other hand there is also a possibility that the SQA exams will go ahead but may very well look different to the way they currently are.

The school is exploring the possibility of audio (only) live lessons. This may be trailed with the senior phase first. This will be audio only as no video is allowed. The reason video is not allowed is to safeguard both pupils and teachers.

Meeting adjourned : Time 20h15