

Grange PC meeting

14 Sep 2021

7pm via Zoom

Present

Shirley Currans ShC Stephen Cowan SC Pauline Patton PP Alison Elaine Crawford EC Kirsty Clelland KC Claire Bryson (Chair) CB Jane Frost JF Nicola Newlands NN	Richard Crawford RC Mary McKinnin MMck Morag Ross MR Amanda Alicia Clyde AC Fiona Sanderson FS
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Apologies Robert Johnston

Item	Discussion
Head Teacher's report	<p>Return to school going well. Very nice group of S1s. All year groups settling in well, with good work ethic displayed. School are very grateful to parents for this and for encouragement in engagement with school uniform. Smooth transition to S1.</p> <p>Staffing Several new NQT positions started and settling in well. Graham Crosby taking up post of principal teacher of English. Difficulties in recruiting to technical teacher post, looking at other ways to address these issues. Covid – steady stream of cases of covid in the school, which is also affecting teachers and supply staff. SMT also inputting to teaching as a result. Pupils mostly following covid mitigations, and SLT team visible in reminding about this. Covid situation is impacting on business – core business only can be taken forward. Campus capacity- challenges ongoing. Operating split lunchtimes which is going well. Roll is approx. 1290. Thanks given to PE dept for providing their time and activities at lunchtime which is keeping the young people busy but also reducing the traffic in the corridors. Currently able to meet the accommodation requirements across the campus and monitoring / discussions are still ongoing. KC highlighted the transition went very well as pupils got to meet teachers from every meeting. PP raised that HT was not felt to be visible at transition meetings – EC fed back that she led this process and that the head teacher is visible at the school but would take this back.</p>

2	<p>Improvement Plan</p> <p>MMcK discussed the process and priority areas that are set by Scottish Gov and require to be followed by EA council. Pupils and parents have been consulted about what needs to be added in and carried forward. Discussions have taken place with local partners such as CAMHS to finalise some points.</p> <p>Pupil feedback – anti bullying policy; air con in PE changing rooms; school community set up – activities and clubs etc. Pupils also noted they don't always see change from one plan to the next.</p> <p>Staff – increased comms across the school.</p> <p>Pupils also asked for mock interviews to be more explicitly taught – this will happen.</p> <p>It was requested that progress in PSE was not tracked – unfortunately this is a requirement set by EA council.</p> <p>KC suggested an overview of progress is obtained from parents and pupils and this was welcomed by MMcK.</p> <p>PP asked if PEF funding still available and said this should be standing item at every meeting – EC advised Lee Cardow leads on this and can provide an update at a future meeting.</p> <p>KC asked if mock exams took place – MMcK advised yes for S4-6, but cannot currently use assembly hall for big pupil groups to obtain the full experience.</p>
Anti Bullying Policy	AC and KC supporting MMcK with this. Focus on relationship, community, responsibilities and rights. Hopefully to be published by Oct holidays, followed by relentless focus on the above.
Vice chair	PC agreed that a vice chair is a good idea. To be voted in at AGM.
AGM	Meeting to be brought forward to 4 Sep. Difficulties discussed around how the PC consults with the parent forum – further discussion to take place about how to improve this.
Constitution	Amendments at last meeting agreed. PP suggested additional ones and will email these to CB for wider distribution and discussion.
AOB	<p>RC raised issue of newspaper reporting on school performance. SC raised that the media build stories out of crude measures and he would be happy to share more accurate data and the processes behind these.</p> <p>KC asked if PC could have a facebook page. This was agreed, as long as closely moderated with rules. KC will take this forward.</p> <p>KC asked if school will need badges. SC advised yes. KC reminded that there has been no treasurer report. Discussion took place re finances and MMcK will follow this up.</p>

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