

Meeting Date:

5/9/20

Present: David McArthur, Michelle Hyslop, Kathryn Foye, David Frame, Nikki Winning, Jillian Rawlings, Lorna Thomson, Fiona Johnston, Elaine Grogan Nuzhat Umthani, Evelyn Oliphant, Grant Maybury, Ross McKay, Mary Turban, Julie Cameron, Hazel Dobie, Kyle Johnston, Sophie Forsyth, Alice Edwards, Julie Elliot, Michelle Stewart, Tracey Fullerton, Graham

Apologies: Anne McNaught- Treasurer

Chair:

Welcome to our guests: Elaine Grogan- CLD team, and HB (Kyle) and HG (Sophie)

Introductions:

Parents introduced round the table- introducing themselves in family

Minutes: Kathryn Foye proposed, Nikki Winning Seconded

Chair's Reports:

- HT post readvertised. Short Leet on Oct 14th. Interview date 28th October.
- David McArthur, Nikki Winning and Lorna Thomson have been suggested to participate in the interview process.
- Emails from National Parent Forum of Scotland- related to plans from Scot Gov and SQA regarding exam diet in 2020/21, seeking feedback from PCs re exams. Chair has asked for email to be returned and collated from BHS. He has encouraged parents to respond by Friday 9th Oct 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

No update, due to apologies. However, little has changed. Request for ideas for money.

HT- School Report:

- Head boy and Girl provided an update on class activities e.g. Maths week Scotland- each year had a different activity for maths week. S1 played Sum Dog. S2 participated in Maths Magic with Edinburgh Uni. S3 linked to jobs. S4 spent time preparing for maths. S5/6 watched exponential maths video.
- PE sports leaders- Sports Leaders working in S1 classes.
- English – S1s have been making kites for Danny the Champion of the World- building confidence and team work and helping the ethos of the class.
- Mental Health Week S6 sponsored silence.
- Science Club- they have created a popper rocket with vitamin C to help pupils learn about science.
- Mrs Johnston shared an update on the approached to ensure learning and teaching is a high standard and plans for sharing good practice for inset day,
- DofE night is planned and advertised.

- S1 numeracy evening after October break
- Volunteering- Saltire awards can be awarded.
- Merit scheme closes this week.
- 2 new clubs for S1- equalities and animation.
- The next bulletin will provide an update regarding careers/ work experience etc/ parents invited to contact school regarding virtual events.
- S6 check google classroom for virtual work experience- S6 are heavily involved in volunteering across the school
- S1 pastoral interviews are ongoing.
- S4 have all been or are being interviewed by HT/ DHT for S4
- Mentoring has been introduced to targeted pupils in S4 and S5- parents can email to request support.
- HT shared info re COVID response- having been in contact with Public Health Scotland
- 4 contingency scenarios-
 - 1. Positive Case: All materials online. Piloting live lessons with young people who were at home being included in the day-to-day lessons. Staff are piloting this. They are encouraged to try this and many staff are keen.
 - 2. Exam/ SQA planning- we are awaiting outcome of Scot Gov announcement re: exams. Lots of rumour, but there will be an announcement on Weds 7th October. Pupils will receive a presentation. There will be an assessment calendar (either way) which will be shared with pupils. Evidence will be gathered based on SQA advice. Inset day will be used to plan, based on the announcement from Scot Gov. School will consider the focus for supported study, especially if exams are changed. October school is dependent on Government announcement.
 - 3. Blended Learning- all learners will be getting access to resources. All learners have their blended learning timetables, and teachers have planned how to teach in these circumstances.
 - 4. Circuit Breaking Lockdown- we have planned a timetable for a lockdown, where lessons will be released at key times. We will also have attendance procedures etc.
- We are planning for all circumstances. FJ thanks PC for support in the challenging circumstances.
- All procedures have been followed regarding COVID

David thanks staff for supporting young people and for all the planning in place.

Twitter: PC pleased to see everything on twitter. PC are happy with retweets once a week

AOCB

Elaine Grogan: CLD Capacity Building

Elaine gave background of her role in capacity building. March 2017, the locality planning got underway. Communities are involved in seeing priorities. Some engagement around the Cowan Park, and people were asked what they wanted in park. Pre-Covid there were 5 priorities identified. Youth workers also worked in BHS and Identified 4 priorities.

Elaine will pass all these details over to the school.

Elaine is keen to find out whether PC as a whole if they'd like to be involved. There will be 5 pods for different pieces of work, so people would only be involved in areas they wanted to be in.

- Nikki Winning thanking staff for the response to the COVID situation.
- What else can parents do? (Question) Suggestion that we liaise with Parents regarding the announcement from government, and we will need to work together to get clear, correct messages. PB asked that parents are pointed to the website and school mail if there are any issues.
- Everyone is clear that the current situation is very fluid, and there we are doing everything that we can, and we are happy to respond as things change at governmental level.

Meeting drawn to a close

Next Meeting Date:

Monday 2nd November at 7pm