**Carolside Parent Council meeting via Zoom
16 June 2020, 7pm**

**Present: Emma Williamson (EW), Lise Fisher (LF), Deborah Wilson (DW), Gillian Cox (GC), Ali Preston (AP), David Clubley (DC), Jacqui McIntosh (JMc), Sally Wilkie (SW), Gordon Bell (GB), Fiona McKenna (FMcK), Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Gill Christianson (PTA) (GCh),  Bryan McLachlan (BMcL), Jo McGregor (JMcG), Lorraine Jenkins (LJ), Christine Carswell (CC)**

**Parents: Abbie Mitchell-Luker (A M-L), S Miller (SM), Alison Coyle (AC), Lynn Shopp (LS), Julia Sagasti (JS), Laura Hails (LH), Nazia Arshad (NA), Laura Bunning (LB), Rosie Welsh (PTA) (RW), Sophie Maudsley (PTA) (SM)**

**Apologies: Cllr Lafferty, Melissa Coll**

* RN explained that the extra meeting had been put in place given the current pandemic situation and thanked everyone for their support in attending. AGM just held voted in FMc as new PC Chair, however given unusual circumstances RN would chair this unusual extra meeting
* Minutes from May meeting approved – no amends
* Agenda essentially consists of update around recovery
* BMc explained he had not prepared formal update as per usual meeting but would brief on latest developments and take questions. Briefing points;
* Depute Mrs Black is leaving Carolside for a permanent role (initially replaced Miss Dunn).
* Hoping to issue class teachers and cohort A or B information on Friday but awaiting staffing updates (including NQT and supply) so may be early next week – preference to go out once with accurate information
* Full update on early learning staff to follow too
* Staff including leadership team now back at Carolside. Transitions happening over next week for P1 (77 pupils) and P7. Williamwood inductions for across the cluster happening over this fortnight. Short goodbye / gift session in Carolside for P7’s.
* Reports expected to be sent by email on Friday – huge undertaking to covert to pdf and issue by email. Curriculum for excellence standing is as of 28 March – when lockdown started. Neither ScotGov nor local authority are using CforE. August to October will be for recovery and assessing where children are. Standardised test scores were too late for reports – will be issued next session for 3 and P5. Outgoing P7 parents can contact school if wished.
* For August return – cohort A or B by sibling groups as starting point plus local knowledge of families. House system doesn’t work as not an even spread through 27 classes and nursery
* All teachers must have non class contact time. Increase in school hours dependent on course of pandemic. School is a 1950’s building with good capacity – janitor working on physical distancing space
* Classes will be with their own teacher but some classes will have an overspill and be with a different teacher – this will be rotated to ensure all children have time with their own teacher. If guidance changes to 1.5 m- no need for overspill
* Plan A is for 2 metre distancing – use of digihub, spare classroom, gym hall outside etc
* Daily hours stay 0900 – 1515 with rolling breaks / lunch. However to reduce footfall drop off and pick up may be staggered and on the dot – e.g. 0850 – 1505 too. This would be by surname to avoid parents handing around for multiple children which defeats the object.
* Finer points to follow. Meals in classroom – including free (cold) meals for P1 – P3 and other children who normally receive them.
* School improvement plan out next week to include recovery plan and blended learning
* Teachers will be in front of class 4 days and week and cannot be as responsive to online classroom and queries
* Restoring engagement, proceeding carefully and recognising gaps in key curricular areas will be focus. Recovery expected to take an entire session.
* In service days 10 and 11th. Return to school on 12th August – to be confirmed what this means for cohort as it’s a Wednesday. Will count number of days to ensure parity.
* As return is 5 days early, days added on at September / December and June holidays – will be updated on ERC website and issued via school
* RN asked about phasing – how increased hours would work. BMcL – possibly 3 days and 2 days or Wed AM/ PM. May not be registration teacher. TBC.
* GC – question on what factors are considered for splitting class – BMcL – Not by ability. Family groups and even split on gender for example. Need to take a fresh look at ability groups. GC – will completed work be reviewed? BMcL – Not firm - as much done in school as possible. Direct teaching must be done in school and practised at home. Teacher’s job to mark and people need a change to home learning – it will not be exclusively online
* JS – Are the new holiday dates online now? BMcL – unsure but will confirm in Friday’s newsletter
* CC – will additional support be offered for AS children? BMcL – yes – ASN children are known to us and a huge emphasis will be placed on this. Gayle McDonald or Stephanie Hughes will be in touch to discuss support. Any parent concerned about this subject should contact school to discuss.
* Question on Hub eligibility – BMcL – will be administered by LA and delivered in school. Strict 2 keyworker adherence. Info expected soon – he will chase
* GCh – partnership providers may be able to help with single key worker childcare – awaiting info. Asked re specific support for ASN – BMcL – Mr Hunter will continue ongoing work and this is factored into cohorts too to ensure even split for support.
* LJ – Will Lockerbie trip go ahead for P7? BMcL – Lockerbie have suggested it might – it has not been cancelled. Obviously this could change
* DC – appreciation of yearbooks, well received. Disappointment at 40 mins in school for P7. Could future transitions be further spread out? BMcL – understands frustration. Had to be very clear what purpose of the time in school was. Organised structured entry, clean and safe with not too much circulation. Offered extended transition through virtual tours. In terms of span – have to be careful around High School placing requests etc
* FMcK – will google classromms etc remain open? BMcL- yes. P1 transition? JMcG – next comms will be link to blog – work in progress with meet the staff team, stories being read, oral health etc. Uploads can be added.
* How does hub work for return in August? BMcL – in usual class 2 days a week and hub for remainder to do work that’s been set
* AP – will IT equipment be available for hub, can devices be brought? BMcL – likely to use dining hall. All equipment provided - support for work given by teacher
* DW – ASN children – increase in personal contact, tailored support? BMcL – yes, parents should get in touch to discuss
* DW – infection control, how will this be managed? BMcL – 2 risk assessments carried out – 1 – general ? working/logistics inc toilets. 2 – Safety – cleaning / building.
* Bear in mind toilets that were refurbished have floor to ceiling cubicles which helps. Need to be careful with sink area. Only 50% of pupils will be in and unusual normally to see children handing about toilets so that’s not expected to be an issue
* DW – sensitivity around pupils entitled to free lunch? BMcL – yes – we will find a way to do this. Communications will follow for August
* RN – highlighted John Swinney Q&A happening currently and raising issues
* PTA – GCh – sway final newsletter on way
* FMcK as new Chair – thanked everyone for confirming intentions for next year - confirmed meetings expected to continue on Zoom but will be in contact for new academic year. Note will go out for new members once handover completed and meeting dates to follow
* RN – thanked everyone for support and contribution over last year, much appreciated. Have a great summer!