

Parent Council Meeting
2nd December 2020 (via Zoom)

Present

Scott Wilson (Head Teacher)
Rhianna Tweedie (Principle Teacher)
David Simpson (Chair)

Kerry Simpson (Secretary)
Keira Neal
Hazel Robertson

Apologies – Kay Sly

Review of Previous AGM Minutes

- All happy to approve previous minutes.

Headteachers report

General

- Two weeks until the end of term – 18th or 21st Dec finish (still to be confirmed)
- Covid measures in place
 - Staff not going between Torryburn and Culross schools
 - Mrs Wedge (Culross)
 - Miss Haigh (Torryburn)
 - Mr Wilson (Culross on Mon – 48 hrs between visits)
 - Any children having to self-isolate are being provided with paper packs and work supplied on Seesaw.
- Feedback from NHS Fife is that the number of cases within schools has dropped or is slowing down.
- Plan and risk assessment working well, implemented everything possible.

Christmas Plans

- Nativity – Miss Donnelly working hard to put together within the class bubbles. Parents will be provided with a link to watch remotely.
- Virtual panto funded by the PTA
- Christmas cards should be brought in and posted in the box by 11th Dec, they will then be left for 72 hours before being given out on the last day to be opened at home.
- Christmas jumper day on 11th Dec with donation going towards Save The Children.
- Dress down day and movie on the last day.

Attainment

- Strong involvement from pupils and parent with online learning during lockdown has not shown a gap in learning/attainment.
- Assessment levels following the period of lockdown have been really positive across the whole school.
 - Numeracy - 91% on track (very positive)
 - Listening and Talking – 84% on track
 - Reading – 84% on track
 - Writing – 74% on track

- Writing - There is an improvement plan and assessment process in place with methods for monitoring.
- Reading assessments have given positive results, with actions plans/or additional challenges in place for those that need it.
- Spelling assessments has given mixed results, which has been reflected across every school. Results in years P5-7 have been very positive, leading to the approach being replicated across other classes.
- Numeracy assessments have been introduced across the whole school. Teachers are delivering the assessments with common themes. These assessments have been put as a priority in the school improvement plan.
- Teachers are taking part in additional professional learning.
- P4 / P7 have completed the Scottish National Standardised Assessments and the results are tying in with teacher predictions on the whole.
- The school has strong assessment data with multiple assessment types now in place.
- P1 (Base data test) has shown positive results.

Support For Learning

- The team have spoken to some parents regarding the support for learning process and will continue to assess as time goes on to monitor effectiveness.
- Children are encouraged to speak to teachers in class and one-to-one about emotions and learning, teaching staff will then review and speak to parents in it is felt necessary.
- Speech & Language and Occupational Therapy support has been well received and feedback is being included in support plans.
- Parents are encouraged to speak to the staff if they have any concerns and steps with be put in place. Each child has their own profile which is reviewed as part of the system.

School Improvement Plan (Agile Recovery Plan)

- The school improvement plan has been reviewed and has a focus on –
 - Improvement in emotional wellbeing
 - Improvement in attainment
 - Improvement in assessment and moderation
- Materials are being put together by Mrs McCallum and will be shared with families.

School Grounds

- Thank you to all the parents and children who got involved in clearing and tidying the school grounds, they are looking great.

Communication

- Following the last meeting there has been an improvement and staff are now not being contacted out of school hours.

ACTION - A reminder of the lines of communications to be sent out in the newsletter

A positive return

- The team have been amazed at how well the children have responded to the changes within the school due to covid restrictions.
- Culross has and continues to maintain a good standard of positive behaviour.
- The children remain in their class bubbles, the staff understand that this is hard for them and that some may be finding it difficult to not play with friends at breaktime.
- The class charter is being reinforced and the children are reminded of the values of right, respectful aims and values.
- A plan is maintained of where everyone is on a daily basis in preparation for if track and trace is required.

ACTION – It was requested that videos, virtual tours or photos of the class displays be shared with parents on Seesaw

Parent Council Chair (David)

- Any concerns from parents about Covid has been raised with the school and dealt with.

PTA (Kerry)

- Calli has made arrangements made for the leavers hoodies.
- Provided funds for the children to have a virtual pantomime.
- As we are unable to hold the Christmas Fair we are holding a Christmas Bonus Ball draw. Leaflets are being given to all families with details and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize amounts. Draw to be made on 18th Dec and video posted on the FB page.
- We are hoping to hold a fair in the summer.

AOB – School Grounds

- Great response from parents with lots of jobs completed.
- David has contacted a gardener who can help with the jobs that parents are not able to complete. Approx cost £400. This would include:
 - Prune the large bushes at the front of the school.
 - Lop larger trees and willow tunnel.
 - Chip and dispose of all the waste which is currently in the far corner area

Date of Next Meeting – TBC February