

Rosshall Academy	Parent Council Meeting
	Date: 9 th September 2020

Action No.	Key points and action	Date Req'd	Name
1	<p>PM= Parent Member PC Co-Opt = Co Opt member PC PF= Parent Forum</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p><u>PC Parent Members:</u> Pam McVeigh (Chair) Gillian Connor Ryan Hughes-Francis Joanna McKenna Janet McLean Lisa Mullin</p> <p><u>Others in Attendance</u> Stephen Murphy Alison Mitchell Gerry Higgins Nancy Loftus Robert Clelland</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> David Coia Susan Moffatt Kenny Smith Edi Reavey</p>		
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <p>Approved.</p>		
3	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising. 		
4	<p>Head Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Been a good start to term. Lucky to be fully staffed. Have 11 probationer teachers who began in June 		

	<p>and excited to start. They also bring good ideas with them regarding technology etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements are being made on government and council advice while always prioritising safety and wellbeing and maximising e-learning. Weekly letters will continue. • Safety has included social distancing, movement around the school, face coverings etc. The school day is also staggered so interval and lunch are split. • Risk assessments are being done for practical subjects. Music is being taught again online. • The school role is full as there were less year 4 leavers this year so more back in S5 and S6 than usual. School keen to support students into employment and further or higher education. • I pads – S4-S6 has been rolled out and hope to have S1-S3 done by October break. • Catering is now working better as it was challenging at the beginning. No child will be refused food or water. While they can't refill water, they can have water if they run out. • There has been some complaints from the community about students not wearing face masks and shops don't seem to be enforcing it. The school will continue to reinforce with pupils. • Most children are wearing masks however there are a minority of pupils not exempt but not willing to wear one. The school are working with the pupils concerned and family to change this. • SQA – still waiting on clarity on content and assessment for this session. This is challenging for the teaching staff but they are planning as best they can on what they know needs assessed. Still waiting on some subject specific info for example Dance. • Looking at a meaningful substitute for parents nights. May be different for each year group. • Attendance is being monitored as it has dropped since the first week. Pupils encouraged to attend if have cold symptoms only. Attendance is a concern across Scotland. • Obvious concerns about covid on mental health and wellbeing. Counselling will run 5 days from October. • Updates will come weekly and any changes will go immediately on twitter and message to parents. • School have had lots of positive feedback from parents and are trying to simplify any government advice for parents understanding. 		
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5	<p>Parental Engagement</p> <p>School have been working hard for some time to consider parental engagement and how to ensure this is effective. Consultation was done with parents which provided useful feedback. There was an obvious requirement for regular communication and the school have been trying to do this.</p> <p>There has been positives and challenges from parents regarding learning approaches. The school are still trying to provide e learning at home as there was positives in this and they want to keep that going. Parents were also engaged with this so want to build on this.</p> <p>The school want to continue with engagement with the P7 families who will be coming to the school and with the parent councils.</p> <p>However, Covid has slowed things and further progress was hindered. As the school can't have parents in school for events, need to consider ways to continue to engage with them.</p> <p>Mr Murphy will liaise with key staff in the school who have a remit that relates to engaging with parents. Want to continue to ensure parents have a voice and will work on this going forward.</p>		
6	<p>Blended Learning</p> <p>The school and teachers have learned a lot since lockdown and want to ensure they have a consistent approach going forward. Teachers are receiving training and are getting used to the technology available.</p> <p>It is recognised that there are variances as always with homework across classes but maybe needs considered going forward.</p>		
7	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams – planning for these taking place at the moment. If they don't happen, they will adapt and have plans in place to capture evidence. They will ensure this is concrete and not inferred evidence. The school are ensuring children know this and will let parents know this is happening. • There are clear plans in place if the school had any positive cases of Covid and there is a support team who assist the school. Any isolating children will get work home. • School have been working on attainment for past few years and the results have shown this is working. Most results are corrected now but still discussion about appeals for a minimum number of people. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM should take place in October. Needs to be communicated. • Consider anyone who should be included as a coopted member. Claire Wilson the campus officer to be invited. 		

Date of next meeting Wednesday 28 October 2020