



Parent Council – Agenda

Date: 21st of January 2021

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Teams Online

Apologies: None.

Present: A McIntosh (HT), J Law (DHT) ,M McAllister (DHT) , J Broadley (teacher representative) J Roberts (PT),M Jones (PT), K Griffiths (Chair), K Mendham (Vice Chair) ,L McDonald ,E White ,R McAllister , P Tracy , D Nicol , N Simpson, K McEwan , L Lumsden , S Morris, A Lunan. J Bach .Councillor G Low , Councillor A Moir.

Minutes: L Armour (Secretary)

Item	Decision/Discussion	Discussion/Action
1	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by K Griffiths .House keeping discussed.
2	Head Teacher Update.	Please see remote learning below. Huge congratulations to Miss Jones who has been asked to write a case study on the schools learning online development.
3	Arrangements for end of session reporting .	End of session reports are usually issued by TMPS in April, with Teachers beginning work on them soon. It was generally agreed by the PC that a delay on issuing these would make sense. Staggered reporting was suggested, with P7 reports possibly issued first to allow time to prepare for the transition to secondary school. Mrs McIntosh suggesting reporting could be flexible and an opportunity to report in different ways (such as reporting in smaller chunks).Mrs McIntosh to liaise with staff on this. There have been no instructions as yet from EDC on this matter. P7C are still to receive their Interim reports - this will be done electronically very soon.



<p>4</p>	<p>Remote learning .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is going well ? - Any issues ? - Can we identify solutions ? 	<p>Mrs McIntosh stated that remote learning engagement from TMPS families was a very encouraging 90% - this is the same as last week.</p> <p>Most teachers have also now engaged in some ‘live’ sessions with their classes. These have been very welcomed by families.</p> <p>Despite the digital challenges, our Digital Champions (Megan Jones and Nicola Anderson) have been troubleshooting any IT issues. The Leadership team, Office Staff and Teachers are also on hand to help.</p> <p>Through the EDC Devices for Pupils Programme, 36 devices have now been issued to TMPS families to help pupils access remote learning (5 in the 1st phase and 31 in the 2nd phase in December).</p> <p>Some families have also received one to one tutorials in how to use these and other resources. Non digital learning resources have also been made available to those who need them.</p> <p>Where there has been no engagement through Teams, phone calls have been made to families to see what further support can be offered to encourage engagement.</p> <p>The school has received much positive feedback - particularly around the timetable; the tasks issued; and parents and children enjoying the ‘live’ element with their teachers and classmates.</p> <p>On another positive note, teachers communicated how well the children were supporting and encouraging each other on Teams - this was echoed by the parents.</p> <p>Parents had asked what timescale to expect for feedback on the submitted assignments. Mrs McIntosh said there was no set time scale for this. If parents were concerned about anything like this, then they should phone the school to help get any problems sorted.</p> <p>Going forward, a GLOW survey will be submitted next week to all teachers, parents and pupils on their remote learning experiences to use for self evaluation purposes.</p> <p>The weekly SWAY newsletter has been read by over 600 people, receiving positive feedback.</p> <p>Plans for future remote school events include celebrating Chinese New Year and World Book Day. This week’s issue will include a Winter photography event.</p>
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5	School capacity . -Registration of P1 and S1	<p>Mrs McIntosh gave an update on school capacity. In April 2017, the school roll was 568. As of January 2021, the school roll is 620. New families have recently been welcomed by the school and supported with accessing remote learning. We are now at full capacity and some families who have recently moved into the catchment have been re-directed to other local schools. The redirection to other schools is a temporary measure and both Councillor Low and Councillor Moir will be making enquiries into this.</p> <p>The Parent Council expressed concerns at these increasing numbers and the school being at full capacity and how this will be future proofed. Concerns raised included: the effect of the increase in class sizes, the effect of extending the school when it is already so big, the effect of not extending but catchment pupils moving into the area being unable to attend their local school.</p> <p>Mrs McIntosh reassured the Parent Council that the school has appropriate and sufficient staffing levels within the current ratios which ensures safety.</p> <p>K Griffiths expressed concerns for catchment families - in particular some of our Auchinairn families living furthest away from the school - as Distance is now a criterion for school places in the event of an over-subscription for Catchment places. This was highlighted as a concern by the Parent Council during last year's School Placing Consultation.</p> <p>Mrs McIntosh will raise the Parent Council's concerns with Jacqui MacDonald (EDC Chief Education Officer) and Gavin Haire (School Planning & Improvement Officer) at a meeting regarding this.</p> <p>Registration for P1 and S1 places has now closed and the school should know approximate numbers for the August P1 intake in April. A final number will not be known til much later though due to some families moving house or deferring.</p> <p>LMcDonald gave positive feedback on the P1 transition that took place last year which was very supportive to families and children.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the P7 transition. Mrs Broadley reassured the PC that planning for this transition has been ongoing since last August with Bishopbriggs Academy and they were following the curriculum. Transition events would begin in early February - and although would take place remotely, would still be engaging and informative for pupils and their families.</p>
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6	Safer routes for school.	<p>Councillor Low received a response from Police Scotland which the parent council had read. He is awaiting the results from the crossing patroller survey. Councillor Moir explained that the council would continue to look other initiatives for tackling driver behaviour .At present some services are on hold due the creation of vaccination centres etc.</p> <p>D Nicol stated there was a Facebook post on one community page which highlighted the lack of grit bins.</p>
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7	AOCB	<p>K Griffiths raised the issue of mental health and the challenges and changes for parents due the current situation. Mrs McIntosh explained that the family support worker is in contact with families who are struggling every week and she offers support by liaising with other agencies and suggests which benefits they are entitled too.</p> <p>The weekly SWAY newsletter could include details of organisations where parents can access help and support.</p> <p>Holding a PC AGM (Annual General Meeting) was discussed. Normally this is held in September and Officer Bearers are elected and any amendments made to the Constitution.</p> <p>Mrs McIntosh, in her role as Advisor to the PC, suggested that it would be better for the Parent Council to continue as it is due to the exceptional circumstances of this last year. Councillor Moir agreed and explained that many groups had cancelled AGMs. This was put to the rest of the PC and no objections were raised.</p> <p>It was agreed that K Griffiths, K Mendham and L Armour would continue as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively and the AGM will be held at the PC meeting in June to end the year and elect new Office Bearers for the 2021/22 school year.</p> <p>Mrs McIntosh will inform the Parent Body of this.</p>
8	Date of next meeting.	18/02/21 AT 630pm.