



## Parent Council – Agenda

**Date:** 22nd October 2020

**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Venue:** Teams Online

**Apologies:** None

**Present:** A McIntosh ( HT), J Law (DHT) ,M McAllister (DHT ) , J Broadley ( Teacher representative ), M Jones ( Teacher representative ), 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                                  |
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| 1    | Welcome /Apologies  | Welcomed by K Griffiths , house keeping discussed. |



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| 2 | Head teacher update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome by A McIntosh.</li><li>• Covid 19 update , first case in TMPS .All procedures followed and the school received positive feedback from the local authority and the department of public health .Test and protect are working with TMPS.Close contacts will isolate depending upon the timing and the distance.There is no expectation to wear face coverings while teaching or in communal corridors.All children in school transport must wear facemarks. The school has a generic risk assessment which is under review , however this does not require to be changed at present, apart from reflecting on todays incident.</li><li>• Hot meals : This will be reinstated for primary 1-3 and those children on free school entitlement.All procedures will be reviewed with regards to the bubble system.Cutlery will be biodegradable.</li><li>• Teaching : Mrs McIntosh gave thanks to Ms McGilvary and Miss Jones who led the school during maths week Scotland.Miss Johnstone is developing an outdoor area , mud kitchen, and tyre trails for primary 1 and 2 .PEF funding has been approved for this.</li><li>• Process for reporting to parents:The staff are being consulted , there is a possibility of a written interim report and also looking at other ways of reporting to parents/carers.K Mendham , E White and L Armour to participate in reconvening of home learning group.The date of this meeting is to be arranged before the next meeting of TMPC.</li><li>• December : An online pantomime ( Robin Hood) will be accessed for classes during the month of December .Primary 1 will be taking part in a virtual performance of ?? ( Its a secret ).</li></ul> |
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| <b>3</b> | Behaviour in the community . | <p>Update from A McIntosh : There has been some changes in the behaviours of some children in the community which is becoming concerning. Some parents are not sure where their children are going. The area surrounding the pond of Angus Avenue is of particular concern. The school received a visit from Police Scotland.</p> <p>A McIntosh suggested the use of outdoor activities in relation to the curriculum for excellence. A McIntosh suggested the concept of peer pressure could be discussed /explored as part of the curriculum under Health and Well -Being.</p> <p>L Armour who works with a local community group suggested looking a collaborative to approach and agreed with outdoor activities such as a skatepark etc.</p> <p>Councillor A Moir suggested an online approach via the police.</p> |
| <b>4</b> | School Photos                | <p>Although the council is allowing the use of photographers for class photos the senior management team has deemed this an unnecessary risk at present. They may revisit this in the new year.</p>   |



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| 5 | Digital learning and reporting to parents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update from Miss Jones .</li><li>• Children to contour to use home learning via teams.This commences on the 26th of October following a trial from primary 7.This can be used in self isolation also.</li><li>• All schools have access to Digital learning.</li><li>• The focus on term 1 and 2 is increase training for staff and children to build their confidence.</li><li>• The classes are using notebook for collaborative work.</li><li>• Mrs Broadley is training with intensive reader.</li><li>• Term 3 will focus the use of coding and there will be support given to train staff.</li><li>• The school has ordered 68 iPads and 75 laptops for use.</li><li>• All parents/carers will have to sign a consent allowing their children on Youtube. This has online security and cannot be accessed via anyone.</li><li>• The school is using sway for its online newsletter.This is a new style of newsletter which has received positive feedback from the parents.The photos os the classes on twitter were also well received by the parents.</li><li>• All staff are aware of the key values and acceptable use for teams.</li></ul> |
| 6 | Safer routes to school.                   | <p>A McIntosh will be contacting facilities management over concerns due to difficulties with crossing patrollers.A McIntosh would like all parents to email her if they find a Crossing Patroller is not at the usually designated crossing point. Crossing Patrollers do not report to the school hence the school would be unaware if they do not arrive to patrol the crossing .Councillor Low has escalated the issues raised in the last meeting to the relevant departments.Councillor Moir suggested asking the school community to encourage considerate driving behaviour and perhaps the children could be involved.</p>   |
| 7 | AOCB                                      | Minutes from last meeting to be posted on the school website.   |
| 8 | Date of Next Meeting                      | 26/11/2020 at 630pm.  |