



Parent Council – Agenda

Date: 26th of November 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Teams Online

Apologies: J Law (DHT), J Broadley (Teacher representative) A Lunan.

Present: A McIntosh (HT), J Law (DHT) ,M McAllister (DHT) , 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 , ,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 the sections below.
3	Safer routes to school.Road safety week.	<p>Thanks were given to the staff from K Griffiths for all the hard work , activities and twitter updates surrounding road safety week.Special thanks were given to M Jones from A McIntosh for all her hard work.Parent council to receive the road safety week power point presentation.</p> <p>Angus Avenue , parents raised concerns again regarding lack of crossing patroller .EDC has recently undertaken a a Crossing Patrol sites survey and the results are being assessed.</p> <p>A McIntosh has forwarded the concerns of S Morris onto Steven Moore FM Cluster Co-Ordinator .</p> <p>Councillor Low has asked parents for photos with a view to a path being built between the new estate and the old estate near Angus Avenue.</p>



4	Home learning.	<p>Parents raised concerns that there is too much homework particularly in primary 7. There is also concerns that if there is more than one child, sometimes this has proven difficult to get computer access. Some parents are having difficulty accessing teams. If a child is in isolation then the volume of schoolwork and homework combined is a worry for the child. Parents also questioned who marks this homework. However there was positive feedback from primary 1 and primary 3.</p> <p>A McIntosh said this would be reviewed and a glow form sent to all parents for feedback. Two members of staff have been allocated to home learning. Engagement levels are low. Homework is not mandatory.</p>
5	Reporting to Parents /Carers .	<p>There is a meeting next week of all the chair people of the parent councils.</p> <p>In mid December each child at TMPS will receive a written report card informing parents of their child's current level in relation to the curriculum. There will be comments from both the child and the teacher. A note for the next steps for the child will be stated.</p>
6	Update of Family Support Worker.	<p>Alishea Penny is the family support worker. She has been networking and plans to develop her role through training and updates. She has phoned all of the primary 1 parents. Alishea can offer advice to families on subjects such as finance or benefits. She can support families through periods of change due to lack of services.</p>
7	Update on School Recovery Plan.	<p>A McIntosh explained there was a sense of good spirit among the staff and pupils and the school was excited to be planning for Decembers' festivities.</p> <p>Some children however had felt under pressure in some of their bubbles.</p>
8	Return of hot meals update.	<p>A McIntosh explained this will be reviewed and risk assessed every two weeks. Currently there are two sittings with the children in bubbles and physical distancing maintained.</p> <p>There will be no Christmas lunch this year.</p>



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9	Planning for December .	A McIntosh explained they are going to have busy December in TMPS .There will be lots of activities. Such as Christmas jumper day ,a daily school advent calendar event , sign a long, a school pen pal and lots more.
10	AOCB.	<p>Staff will discuss children exchanging Christmas cards ,at present it is thought this could potentially have a risk.</p> <p>Gifts to teachers is a matter of personal choice ,EDC policy discourages this practise.</p> <p>Currently it is not possible to change the start times for the children on arrival and leaving the school.</p>
11	Date of Next Meeting.	21/01/21 at 630pm.