

## Minutes

Trinity Primary School Parent Council

Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020: 7:30pm

### **Attendees:**

Helen Duncan (Chair), Jacqueline Scott (HT), Kirsty Martin, Aimi Armstrong, Kev Head, Christiaan Hofstra, Sandy Robinson, Toby Kelly, Will Inglis, Kristen Deeken, Gareth Kirk, Tim Gregg, Leticia Rodriguez, Julie Wardhaugh, Cllr Jim Campbell, Cllr Ellie Bird, Jen Bird, Fenella Hodgson, George Just, Sreenivasulu Balimidi.

Guest: Mike Nicholson

Apologies: Kirsty Wilkie, Angela Hassard, Angelica Lorenzo

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes approved.

Issues remain with parking around the school. Further reminders will be sent to all parents and carers and the Parent Council will provide any assistance in reinforcing the message

### **3. Correspondence**

Nothing to report

### **4. HT report**

Head Teacher Report attached

JS clarified that any Covid related absence would not come out of school budget.

Delays to i-pads due to general shortage in market but any i-pads now received in school are fully set up and ready to go which takes away a big overhead for the teachers.

Congratulations to Cheryl Berthinussen on the arrival of her baby girl.

No update on closure date for Christmas. If closure remains on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December the actual finishing time will need to be agreed and times staggered.

Consultation on budgets was sent out but PC agreed no plans to respond officially until there are more detailed plans.

Discussion on "Snow School"; in the case of severe weather staff would normally report to nearest school if they are unable to attend their own. Under current restrictions staff would not be able to attend other schools and if school wasn't resourced to the required level the children would move to online blended learning from home.

### **5. Trinity Academy Update (Mike Nicholson, Trinity Parent Council)**

Letters have recently gone to P7 parents and carers confirming places at Trinity Academy. Life at Trinity Academy carries on under new restrictions, with break times staggered, new one way

systems in place and avoiding mixing between senior and junior school. All subjects are going ahead albeit some practical elements of class have been interrupted particularly in Music and Home Economics classes. Significant work being undertaken by the school management team to prepare for in-school assessments instead of prelims. Course content is also changing for Nat 5s and Higher levels.

As of October break some of the school lunchtime clubs and after school sports have started up.

Trinity Academy will be looking at transition arrangements for the P7s based on the circumstances and restrictions at the time.

Currently recruiting a permanent Head Teacher. Expect to have an announcement just before Christmas.

Development of school building and Bangholm: Phase 1 will be development of sports facility. This has been delayed due to covid but now confirmed that preparatory work will start in January 21 at Bangholm with main work beginning in May 21. The whole of the Bangholm Sports Facility is scheduled for completion by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Yet to receive any date for Phase 2.

Parent Council thanked Mike for giving up his time to attend our meeting. His update on Trinity Academy was incredibly useful.

#### **6. Wider Engagement: Locality/Trinity Community Council**

TCC AGM coming up and anyone interested in joining should attend.

#### **7. Accounts**

Nothing to note

#### **8. AOCB**

Thank you to Angelica Lorenzo who will be leaving the Parent Council. Thank for all her support over the last few years and best wishes to her and her family.

Huge amount of thanks to staff at Trinity primary for being so resilient and making the school such a great place to be during these unprecedented times.

#### **9. Meeting Dates 2020/21**

Tuesday January 26 2021

Tuesday March 16 2021

Tuesday June 8 2021