

## **Minutes**

### **Trinity Primary School Parent Council**

**Held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 7:30pm**

#### **Attendees:**

Helen Duncan (Chair), Jacqueline Scott (HT), Aimi Armstrong, Kirsty Martin, Angela Hassard, Helena Lawrence, Kev Head, Kirsty Martin, Will Inglis, Christiaan Hofstra, Cllr Jim Campbell, Jen Bird, Sandy Robinson, Snezana Dzirko, Tim Gregg, Toby Kelly, Kristen Deeken, Julie Wardhaugh

Apologies: Cllr Hal Osler

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

Minutes approved.

#### **3. Correspondence**

##### **Trinity Primary as a Polling Station**

HD was able to contact Andy Smith, Senior Polling Logistics Officer, for our district. He was very helpful answering our queries about why Trinity Primary School was being used as a polling station yet again; especially with so many in-school days already lost. HD arranged to meet Andy Smith at the Scout hall next to the school to discuss this as an option. The situation of the doors in the Scout Hall means that the location is not currently suitable. However, the scouts are planning a refurbishment of the hall and will change the doors to allow for its use in future. Unfortunately, it won't be in time for the May election.

Thanks to Andy Smith, Natalie Henderson and John Mcmurtrie for making the time to look at options. It has been confirmed that pupils will be provided with remote learning for that school day.

Ongoing the general guidance from CEC will be to use non-school premises where possible, however the criteria to allow for a buildings use is very strict.

##### **School Holiday Survey**

The school holiday survey has been sent out to all parents and carers. Christiaan attended the Locality Meeting dealing with the survey and was able to add a couple of other questions with the aim to make the feedback more useful.

#### **4. HT Report:**

See attached report. Good weather has helped with the full school restart and children have been outside a lot. Overall, they have settled well but the return seems to have been harder this time than last August.

The TPS staff are looking at options in the run up to summer to try and keep the fun in the final term. Options being looked at include

- Bringing the beach to the school (paddling pools and ice-cream?)
- “I’m P7 Get Me Out of Here” with weekly challenges
- P7 out of school event (due to cancellation of Benmore trip)
- P7 Show with a difference. P6s will also be able to get involved.

The school is planning a survey for parents/carers/children to consider what positive experiences we have had during covid that we can take into the future eg options to do parent-teacher meetings online.

#### **5. Digital Strategy**

The National Strategy is to move to 1:1 digital capability from P6 to S6 (ie students all to have own device). CEC carried out an audit to look at how much schools spend annually on IT for their school – this averaged at 0.7%. It is being proposed that each school give this up from their budget to be held centrally. This budget will then be used to ensure equitable sharing of IT resources across the country. TPS spend about 0.5% at the moment so giving up 0.7% of budget would not be an issue. TPS is already well placed with regard to digital capability and will work with the other cluster schools as appropriate.

Mostly the wifi capability of the school has been able to support the online learning but part of the 0.7% budget will include looking at the wider infrastructure and not just the devices themselves.

#### **6. Update on renewal plan**

- Outdoor learning. This has now become part of day to day school. The pupils have also been great at cleaning up the playground. Post covid, outdoor learning will continue to be a focus. Pond has been relined and refilled and is full of frogs. School will also be getting rabbits to look after.
- Digital Learning. TPS in a strong place with regard to digital learning and will continue to develop where they can.
- Safety of school - per HT report only a very small number of covid cases as a testament on how seriously the school is taking safety.
- Health & wellbeing – as part of supporting children back into the school the teaching staff are undertaking a normal assessment of children on literacy and numeracy but they are also focussing heavily on assessing wellbeing.

- Equalities and Diversity in school. Audit of resources is underway. In particular there is an aim to make all P1 reading material completely reflective of our diverse society. Diversity is also being covered regularly at School Assembly. Next steps to create a working group of pupils and another group for parents and carers.

It was discussed that Parent Council is not particularly diverse and is not necessarily reflective of the school community. PC are happy to get involved in parent engagement to promote more diversity on the Parent Council.

More communication is planned by the school to parents and carers to encourage contribution to the school in a number of different ways.

## **7. Class organisation for 2021/22**

A new policy on class reorganisations is now available. Decisions on class make-up are to be made by the school community on a range of criteria eg age, gender mix, learning ability, additional support needs. Aim to end up with classes that work best for the children.

TPS classes will definitely require reorganisation for numbers eg P1 moving to P2. The school are still looking at classes for the current P5 and P6 as they move to P6 and P7 with numbers not necessarily supporting 6 full classes. Timescales for decisions will be post Easter.

## **8. Wide Engagement: Locality/Trinity Community Council**

Nothing to report

## **9. Accounts**

Nothing to report

## **10. Planning for next Session**

The next PC meeting in June will cover feedback from last year and what learnings we want to take into next year.

We are also looking for a volunteer to attend the locality meeting as Christiaan leaves Parent Council at the end of this school year

Meeting dates for next year to be considered. Format also to be discussed.

## **11. AOCB**

Nothing to note

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

Tuesday June 8 2021