

Minutes

Trinity Primary School Parent Council

Held on Tuesday 8th June 2021: 7:30pm

Attendees:

Helen Duncan (Chair), Jacqueline Scott (HT), Aimi Armstrong, Kirsty Martin, Angela Hassard, Kev Head, Will Inglis, Christiaan Hofstra, Cllr Ellie Bird, Cllr Jim Campbell, Sandy Robinson, Julie Wardhaugh

Apologies: Jen Bird

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved.

3. Correspondence

Active Schools Funding

It is being proposed that schools no longer ask participants to pay for Active School programme to ensure that the activities are open to all pupils regardless of financial circumstances. However, feedback has been that less parent funding may result in fewer clubs. HTs are engaging with Active Schools to ensure that no child misses out (with a potential option that those who can pay will continue to). JS will find out more and revert when she has more detail.

Leith Sea Scouts: Update

Leith Sea Scouts are proceeding with the Scout hall redevelopment and they are now going to be running local consultation on the renovations before they proceed. This may result in a delay and therefore put at risk the use of the scout hall for the next election day. HD will continue to offer all our support to the development.

Heart of Newhaven Gardening Project

Heart of Newhaven (the group who will be taking over the Victoria Primary school building) are planning a Gardening project – they have applied for funding for their growing food project. They would like to work with local schools on this project. JS has asked that they get in touch.

4. HT Report:

See attached report.

Over the last couple of weeks there has been an increase in covid cases throughout Edinburgh. There is clear guidance to enable children to meet their new teachers and this will happen outside. Class bubbles will be maintained throughout. Short videos will also be uploaded for children and parents to help meet the teaching team. The children will not be able to visit their new classrooms.

The school will be receiving an additional 15% added to Pupil Equity Fund. The proposal is that the 3 schools in our cluster will combine the additional funding and use it to fund a new member of staff to take on many of the admin duties attached to the GIRFEC policy (Getting It Right for Every Child) The admin attached to running the GIRFEC is substantial for depute heads so this additional resource will free up significant time and allow the DHT to focus on teaching rather than admin.

A question arose regarding the annual Standardised National School Assessments (SNSA). These take place in P1, P4 and P7. The assessments are not aligned to the curriculum for excellence and do not produce a score. The assessments are not standardised because the questions change depending on how the child answers; children in the same class could therefore be answering different questions. The assessment results are primarily used by the school as a diagnostic tool for planning purposes.

5. Update on Arrangements for Next Session: Covid restrictions and School Times:

Based on current covid guidelines it's likely we will start the school year on the same basis as this term with 3 start times 8.30/8.45/9.00

However if guidelines change the school proposes to move to 2 start times

- All P1 & P2 times will be 9-3 (Mon – Thurs) and 9-12 (Friday)
- P3-P7 will be 8.30 to 2.55pm (12.05 Friday)

There are 2.5 hours difference per week between teaching requirements for P1& P2 compared to the rest of the school years. Due to this there will always be a difference in start or end times. Breakfast club is available for families where the difference in timing may be problematic. It is recognised that there is no ideal solution so there will be further discussions on this when covid restrictions allow for change.

Every time there is a change of covid levels there is a change in school protocol so situation will be monitored over summer. Very likely that the August return will initially mirror the current school set up in terms of bubbles and staggered times.

6. Future Planning: Standards & Quality Report, Renewal (Improvement) Plan

4 key themes in Plan

- Equality
- Equity & inclusion
- Learning, Teaching & Assessment

- Health & wellbeing

Priority will be on Health & Wellbeing in new term much as it has been this year. A lot of focus will likely still be required on operational logistics eg bubbles, cleaning, sanitiser availability, safe movement around school.

Full plan will be shared in August 2021.

7. Rainbow School

The new school year will see the continuation of the Rainbow School where the school will continue its focus on diversity, equality and inclusion and will be encouraging pupils to focus on the values and skills that underpin what being a Rainbow school means. A range of community projects will be available for children to get involved with. All children will have options open to them. Covid restrictions will shape what this will look like.

8. PC Review

Online has worked well for many allowing parents and carers to join when they otherwise couldn't. Restrictions allowing, it is proposed that meetings alternate between online and face to face. Option to allow parents/carers to join online, even when meeting is face to face, are being considered.

Parent Council will consider how to engage a wider audience throughout the school on both PC & PSA and whether more information online would be useful

9. Wide Engagement: Locality/Trinity Community Council

Last Locality meeting was in April. Nothing specific to report but themes covered in these meetings generally mirror issues discussed within Trinity Parent Council.

10. Accounts: Nothing to report

11. Planning for next Session: Next meeting date 24th August 2021

12. Thank you and goodbye

Thank you to Gareth who is leaving catchment and therefore unfortunately also leaving Parent Council.

Thank you also to Colette and Christiaan for their many years of active support and participation in PC. They will both be leaving as their children move on from Trinity Primary.

11. AOCB

Nothing to note