

## Minutes

### Trinity Primary School Parent Council

Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022: 7:30pm

#### Attendees:

Helen Duncan (Chair), Jacqueline Scott **\*\*MBE\*\*** (HT), Kristin Deeken, Susana, Aimi Armstrong (DHT), Angela Hassard, Cheryl Berthinussen (DHT), Kev Head, Krystelle Bamford, Matthew Boyles, Tim Gregg, Toby Kelly, Will Inglis, Cllr Ellie Bird, Cllr Jim Campbell, GL, Julie Wardhaugh

Apologies: Jen Bird, Svein Clouston, Sandy Robinson, Cllr Hal Osler

Guest: Marianne O'Brien - Active Schools Co-ordinator for Trinity Cluster

#### 1. Introduction

HD opened the meeting by congratulating JS on her recent **\*\*MBE\*\***. It's an amazing achievement and Trinity Primary School is incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated Head Teacher.

JS (MBE!!) also took time at the beginning of the meeting to introduce her Deputy Head Teachers Aimi Armstrong and Cheryl Berthinussen.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved.

No new news on using Scout Hall as polling station. Cllr Ellie Bird commented that she would try and chase on this issue. Cllr Jim Campbell has also helpfully sent a letter to the team who arrange polling stations as a reminder.

#### 3. Correspondence

Nothing to note

#### 4. HT Report:

See attached HT report

##### Staffing:

Continue to monitor and at time of meeting there are no staffing issues. Currently looking at numbers for 2022 and how that will impact staffing.

##### Session 2022/23

Current numbers suggest 5 classes across P6 and P7 but the numbers may still change given August is still a time away. JS also considering whether to mix classes again across the wider school for the new 22/23 term but no final decision has been made on this.

##### Facilities:

It is hoped that pupils will start to move back into the dining hall over the coming weeks. This will be a managed transition to minimise disruption and recognise that some children may find the transition harder than others.

Funding for a new kitchen has been approved. When the re-fit takes place (date tbc), all classes will have to revert to pack lunches in classrooms.

Windows in the main hall are all to be replaced – currently planned for Easter.

**Learning @ Trinity:**

Parents of P3 were invited to watch an outdoor Pirate Show, P5 parents attended a small Christmas market and P7 parents were invited to the outdoor Christmas service.

It is hoped that all year groups will have had an opportunity to be in school playground by the end of this term.

**Parent Questions:**

**Crossing Patrol Guides**

Cross roads at junction of East Trinity Rd, Stanley Rd and Craighall Rd no longer has a crossing guide. JS to follow up.

**Victoria Primary School:**

JS was able to visit new school and new facilities. The new design allows for great sharing of space. Classrooms are connected and can be split or used as one space. The school will have a connected feeder nursery but this is not open yet.

**5. Active Schools Co-ordinator**

Marianne O'Brien joined the meeting. Marianne is the Active School Co-ordinator for the Trinity Cluster. There were several topics covered:

- The aim of the programme is to get more kids more active more often. The Active Schools team are looking to continue to develop the active programme.
- The Active Schools team will run the support and admin around the programme including sourcing of coaches and admin of the booking system.
- The team will work with the schools to develop a programme that is free and accessible to all. Primarily clubs will run at lunch or immediately after school.
- Recent successes in schools have been the "Playground Leaders" with the P5s which has encouraged them to learn new games and then take these games and run with other year groups in the playground during breaks/lunches
- The team have priority access to school lets at both Primary and Trinity Academy from 4pm-6pm. They can help facilitate access to Trinity Academy facilities however the Academy itself has priority and a full programme, so options are limited.
- There are several issues with resourcing at the moment with difficulty in finding coaches. This is not just an issue for our cluster or even just for Edinburgh. A lack of trained coaches means that some popular activities that have been run in the past (eg hockey) will not open just yet.
- Historically at TPS Active Schools clubs have run alongside clubs run by TPSA. The TPSA clubs have a small charge and any profits from these clubs goes towards the school funds. The TPSA clubs also tend to run after 6pm when the school lets are available. This has proven to be a successful model and therefore engagement between Marianne and TPSA is encouraged. Marianne will work with TPSA to see if there is any support she can provide.

- The refreshed offering of Active schools at Trinity is just kicking off and is seen as a good start. Clubs are starting slowly with considerations for lets in schools and also cleaning requirements.
- Lack of swimming access has been raised as an issue – Marianne will look at how other clusters enable access. Marianne will also look at how we can utilise facilities or staff at Edinburgh Leisure. Potentially also raise any leveraging of Edinburgh Leisure at Locality meetings too.

JS was asked whether Music clubs & Choirs would begin again– hopefully these will come back over time but process is gradual and parents are not yet allowed in school to help support these additional activities.

## **6. Parental Engagement Meeting with CEC: Feedback**

Great attendance from Trinity Primary at meeting. Focus for future meetings needs to be on how we take the things we have learned and build on them. Also focus on how we re-engage with parents as a priority.

There had been a lot of discussion at the engagement meeting on lack of digital strategy and lack of central co-ordination. In particular, how does this get taken forward to ensure there is a better approach in future and how do the parents and carers of Edinburgh schools get updated on any progress.

JS was able to provide some useful information on the Empowered Learning digital strategy that is already underway in Edinburgh including roll out of new devices and training teachers to be able to leverage and get the best out of the new digital capability. It was recognised that progress is underway but communication of this is sporadic.

HT to send dates of future meetings to Ellie Bird.

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

Community Council

- Congratulations from TCC to JS on **\*\*MBE\*\***
- Linda Fitzpatrick attended TCC and presented on improving health and social care for Edinburgh. This is a multi-year programme with significant funding.
- Craighall Rd 20mph speed limit – still not implemented albeit approved.
- Victoria Park – football pitch being refurbished, and small playpark is to be developed. They are also looking for additional reps for Friends of Victoria Park.

Note that all info from the TCC meetings will be available on their website.

## **8. Accounts:**

Nothing to report.

## **9. AOCB**

**Grass on Mound: any update on replacing?**

Quotes received and funding available however contractor availability currently an issue.

## **10. Meeting Dates**

Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> (at school tbc)

Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> (at school tbc)