

## **Minutes**

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

**Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021: 7:30pm**

#### **Attendees:**

Helen Duncan (Chair), Jacqueline Scott (HT), Aimi Armstrong, Angela Hassard, Kev Head, Cllr Jim Campbell , Julie Wardhaugh, Leticia Rodriguez, Krystelle Bamford, Svein Clouston, Jen Bird, Kristin Deeken.

Apologies: Kirsty Martin, Toby Kelly, Tim Gregg, Cat Reagan, Will Inglis, Cllr Ellie Bird, Cllr Hal Osler

#### **2. Role & remit of the Parent Council**

JS (HT) introduced herself and her staffing team (Aimi Armstrong & Kirsty Martin) and noted that Cheryl Berthinussen is currently on maternity leave due back later this year.

HD explained that the Parent Council aim to represent views of parents and carers, on matters of policy or funding, to both the school and the wider City of Edinburgh Council. Mrs Scott and her deputy head teachers attend all meetings and we are normally joined by councillors from our local wards.

There are 6 meetings a year and everyone is welcome and can either attend as members or non members. There are no commitments to attend or take up any official post.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes approved.

Update on active school funding and charges: This was discussed at the last meeting but it has been confirmed that the process for clubs and any payment for these will remain unchanged for Trinity Primary.

Renewal Plan was scheduled for this meeting but agreed to be moved to October 21.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Leith Sea Scouts – ongoing correspondence on use of scout hall on polling day. Scouts have committed to programme of renovation, which will include access changes allowing its use as a polling station, however renovations have not yet begun. There is a risk that renovations will still be in progress during election period. HD will keep in touch with Scouts to support completion of renovation pre elections or if likely to be delayed to post elections will support Scouts on request for Council to fund the small access change that is required.

A parent contacted PC asking for guidance for online etiquette for parents. It was discussed that safety on line is a part of the school curriculum for children and that providing signposting or direction to parents on safe online use would be helpful.

## **5. HT Report:**

### **Covid:**

Increase in covid numbers have been seen across the Edinburgh area – so far not in Trinity Primary. Changes to track and trace protocols do mean that children will no longer have to isolate if there is a positive case in class. Contact tracing will be limited to households rather than in school contact. City Of Edinburgh guidance is to minimise adult to adult contact and therefore school staff are being asked to stay 2m apart from other adults in school. Due to potential isolation by staff members or delays in PCR test results we may face scenarios where classes are in school but staff aren't. The school will deal with any issues on a case by case basis.

If there is a cluster of cases in the school the school may be asked to revert back to bubbles.

Any future vaccination programme rolled out to primary school children would be subject to Scottish Government guidance and there are currently no indications of this. The seasonal nasal flu vaccination will be given in school as usual.

The school is still asking parents and carers to remain out of the playground. Aiming to reduce all adult to adult contact in the school environment.

### **Use of dining hall:**

Lunches remain in classes since the dining hall is used as a staff room whilst staff remain at 2m distancing. Many children prefer lunch in class anyway because its much quieter.

### **School lets:**

There are no evening school lets but hopeful this will change as the 6 week transition period comes to an end.

### **School Times:**

At the end of last term parents were asked their opinion on the start and end times of the school day and the 30 minutes difference between the early years and P3 upwards. Majority of respondents would prefer the 30 mins difference in school time split between morning and afternoon. If this solution is implemented the school would move to a 8.45 start for P3-P7 (end time at 3.10). No change to P1 and P2 times. Any change will be communicated with plenty of notice and will not happen within first 6 weeks.

### **Staffing:**

JS gave an update on school staffing.

### **Parent/carers help in school:**

The school is keen to have parents and carers help out in tidying up the secret garden (and parents are requesting opportunities to help out in school) however outdoor gatherings of adults on school grounds still not allowed.

**Buddies:**

With the bursting of the bubble the first buddy events took place last Friday for P7/P2 and P6/P1.

**Other school activities and after school clubs:**

JS is hopeful that school choir will be able to begin again now that singing in school is allowed. Whilst children can mix in playground there are still no out of school gatherings - at least for the first 6 weeks but any after school clubs will need to wait for some time yet. Hopeful that some lunchtime clubs can start sooner.

**6. Meeting Arrangements 2021-22**

It was hoped to have PC meetings in school however currently school cannot host adult gatherings on school premises. This may change over the course of the year.

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

Locality meetings take place around 4 times per year. Useful point of information but not a necessity to attend. Agreed we will stay on list to receive agenda and minutes and will decide based on agenda whether it would be useful to attend.

Trinity Community Council meets c9 times per year. Agreed to set up a rota for attendance at this committee. Agenda comes out in advance so anyone attending can catch up with HD in advance if required.

**8. Accounts:**

Nothing to report. Agreed to hold back £30 of funding received from the Council to hold as petty cash to pay for thank you gestures or tea/biscuits for face to face meetings.

**9. Parent Council Communications**

Looking for opportunities to promote PC at school events such as coffee mornings or meet the teacher events. Aiming to have representation for each year group where possible.

**10. AOCB****Gender Recognition guidelines:**

What will impact of the Gender Recognition Guidelines be on school policy? These guidelines will sit within the equality & diversity agenda. The Trinity Primary school stance is that we are an inclusive school and will support young people in any way we can and always in discussion and consultation with parents and carers. Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any specific questions or concerns.

**Consultation on controlled parking:**

Consultation on controlled parking in our local area is underway and has the potential to impact all parents and carers. Cllr Jim Campbell encourages all parents and carers to

participate in the consultation and make their views heard. Feedback can be given through the council website.

### **Current traffic issues**

Drains are being replaced and road resurfaced on Starbank Rd resulting in additional traffic along East Trinity Rd and Craighall Rd. The police have been contacted by a number of local residents in response to abusive language and dangerous driving. Cllr Jim Campbell has been active in reporting the situation to the council and pressing for additional signage and restricted parking to help alleviate pressure and improve safety for the 2 weeks that work is underway.

### **Twitter**

Year group Twitter accounts have been rolled forward. The use of Twitter to communicate class activities will continue and the school will work on the consistency of content to ensure all year groups are posting similar volumes and quality of content. Parents are asked to contact the school if they wish to be given access to read the content.

### **Sanitary Bins**

It was confirmed that there are sanitary bins in all the girl's toilets.

## **11. Meeting Dates**

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> AGM with TPSA (online)

Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> (online)

Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> (at school tbc)

Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> (online)

Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> (online)

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