



# Clober Primary Parent Council

Monday 14th March 2022 7:30pm, MS Teams

## Minutes

- **Present**
  - CM, D, LF
- **Apologies**
  - KS, CMcA, V
- **Minutes of last meeting**
  - These had been sent out prior to the meeting and no one had emailed though any corrections and no corrections were asked for in the meeting
- **Head Teacher's Update**



- **Clober Primary Parent Council**
  - **14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**
  - **Head Teacher Update**
- **Covid 19**
- There have been two changes to school operations:
- The limit on movement between pupil groups has been removed. This means that year groups can mix with each other indoors as well as outside. The exception to this will be if there are two or more cases of Covid 19 in a class; in this instance the class will be kept separate from others to minimise the spread of the virus.
- The restrictions on live assemblies have been removed. This means we can deliver assemblies in person which everyone has been very excited about! P1-3 and P4-7 have both experienced one live assembly and it was great to be together again. We will alternate P1-3 and P4-7 for the time being. Windows are open in the hall to comply with ventilation guidance. If a class cannot attend the live assembly then they follow this live on Teams in their classroom.
- In any activity indoors or outside when year groups are brought together, staff are still required to ensure physical distancing and to wear face coverings. Staggered entry and staggered lunch and breaks remain in place. Hand and respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning, ventilation and physical distancing remain important features of the school day.
- **Additional accommodation**

- Due to our growing roll – currently 359 – we really need some extra space. A cabin housing two additional classrooms will be installed over the summer and our class structure will go from 13 to 14 classes, leaving an extra classroom space which will be used for support for learning and health and wellbeing groups.
- Numbers for P1 entrants are being finalized; we also have a number of redirected children to be included across the school.

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- **Staffing**

- Mr Dunford will be taking a career break from August.
- Mrs Wan will be retiring in the summer and Mrs Stirling will be starting teacher training so we have two permanent SLA vacancies which will be filled before the summer break.

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- **Reporting to parents**

- We completed phone calls to parents in February and interim reports will be going out to P1-3 and P7 parents on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- All classes will receive an end of year report detailing progress and next steps in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. This will be issued to parents in June.
- A survey will go out to parents to gather views regarding reporting procedures in the final term.

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- **School Improvement**

- In February, a new writing assessment system was introduced to staff and this was used to assess and moderate pupil progress. We shared examples of achievement of a level at the staff meeting on 1st March. The new criteria align closely with the benchmarks and focus on a more continuous assessment process over the school year.

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- Staff have had time out of class to revise our curriculum, ensuring that it is up to date and fit for purpose, relevant to our learners and encompasses the benchmarks at early, first and second level. We are currently producing curriculum maps for every stage of the primary school to ensure progression, breadth and depth. This work has been shared with East Dunbartonshire's quality improvement team.

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- Health and wellbeing continues to be a focus for both staff and pupils. I have recently produced information for parents on Getting It Right for Every Child and Conflict and Bullying – feedback welcome. Mrs Law has sent a letter to parents making them aware of the services we can offer: health and wellbeing groups, LIAM, Lifelinks and Seasons for Growth.

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- Three new interactive whiteboards have been installed in P1a, P1/2 and P4. We are very grateful to the PTA for funding these. The P7s are very proud of their new hoodies, also subsidised by the PTA.

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- **Transition Events**

- The Scottish Government recently announced that transition events can take place in person. P7 pupils will visit Douglas Academy on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Our new P1 pupils will meet their teacher during the final term, in planned visits to the EYC. Any child who does not attend the EYC will receive an invitation to attend one of these sessions.

- The meeting for new parents will be held on Teams in the evening as we need to maintain 1m distancing between adults.
- P7 will be attending West End Adventure on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May, Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We will have a parents' information evening for this. Further events will be planned according to Covid guidance and will be shared with parents after the Easter break.
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- **Future Parent Council Meetings**
- EDC has advised that Parent Councils can take place in school if required but it is not essential to conduct these meetings face to face if they are working well virtually. Community letting is reviewing arrangements for face to face but if everyone is happy to agree, I propose they remain virtual for the remainder of the school session.
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- **Dates for Parent Council Meeting this session, all on Teams at 7.30pm:**
- Monday 6th June
  
- **Parent information**
  - **Clober Primary School Conflict Resolution and Bullying Behaviour**
  - **GIRFEC information**
    - CM asked for feedback on leaflets that were going to be sent out to carers/parents.
    - KM suggested that the Conflict Resolution leaflet could show which GIRFEC wellbeing indicators each point is linked to
    - CM would send out updated leaflet to PC members for final comment prior to sending out – lack of feedback would indicate no suggested changes and PC happy with information leaflets
  
- **Standing and raised items**
  - i. Parking updates/road safety
    - No further update received and no formal response to the joint letter that was sent off by Craighdu Primary School, Douglas Academy and Clober Primary School about improving road safety by creating safe crossing points on Hunter Road, physical interventions to reduce speed and parking restrictions. HS will follow this up with Craighdu parent council chair
  - ii. Lunch
    - Lunch continues to be a concern for parents of younger members of the school. Parents had wanted clarity about whether the allocated 20 minutes was the entire allocated time which included queueing, obtaining the meal, eating and clearing away. CM confirmed that this was the case but

that children with pack lunches sit down straight away and those with school pack lunches were given them straight away. For those with hot lunches it was well organised with trays ready and food given very quickly to minimise any waiting time.

- Lunch times cannot be increased as Canteen staff have fixed working hours and children cannot be made to eat too early/too late.

### iii.School repairs and improvements

- A number of the parents had complained about the state of the school. Recently the school has been looked at and a number of improvements are planned
  - The back playground door is to have a new secure entry to ensure access to the school from the back playground. This stops the need to a child/staff member to enter via the front of the school to open the door from the inside.
  - Resurfacing to take place by picnic bench
  - Boiler drained area
  - There is a rota for which school is due to get painted each year. Clober has been informed that it is near the top
  - Letter drafted to East Dun Council – CM to confirm if it is ok to send or if it needs to be updated in light of the proposed planned improvements

### iv.Transition

- See head teacher update

### v.P7 monitors

- Concern had been raised by some P7 parents/carers that P7 monitoring would take time away from learning or time away from P7 play time. CM clarified that the P7 monitoring involved 4 squads. The rota means that each P7 pupil would be responsible for monitoring for roughly 15 mins every 3-4 weeks. Once staggered lunches come to an end no learning time will be impacted.
- KM suggested using GIRFEC wheel to show which area of learning P7 monitoring supported.

### vi.Single use plastic bottles

- Parents raised issue of single use plastic bottles being given at lunch. Parents had been informed that this was an East

Dun Council contract with the meal provider. East Dun Council could be contacted – letter drafted by HD

- Parents advised that Clober staff could encourage use of own bottle. CM confirmed that this is already done. Prior to a child asking for a single use plastic bottle of water the staff always ask if a child has their own bottle

vii. New members

- A number of new parents have asked to join the parent council. As a number of the established members will be leaving at the end of this year. There is a maximum of 10 parents/carers allowed on the council according to the constitution.

viii. East Dun PC meeting 22 March

- HD to attend and feed back

- **Discussion agenda items for future meetings**

- **AOCB**

- Reporting

- Parents wanted further clarity about reporting going forward. HD had fed back to those enquiring that in line with East Dun policy the P1-P3s and P7s had had a telephone appointment in the first term and would receive a short written report in term 2. P4-6s had received a short written report in term 1 and would have a telephone appointment in term 2. All pupils would have a more extensive written report for term 3.

- Covid lifting

- Questions about events in light of Covid restrictions being partially lifted. CM clarified that East Dun policy remained that no parent in school unless essential for child wellbeing.
- Event such as film nights and school disco will be looked at in the future.

- **Dates of next meeting**

- Monday 6th June      7:30pm MS Teams