

Crieff High School Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday 26 May 2022

Via Zoom at 6.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Cathy Tilbrook (Chair); Clara Walker (Secretary); John Donnelly (Head Teacher); Morag Fotheringham (Deputy Head Teacher); Eve Kilgannon; Alison Ritchie; Emily James; Morven Harrower; Fiona Perry; Billy Russell, Rebecca Mackie, Anita Spurway; Betsy Vielhaber; Susan Caudrey; Lucille Black, Victoria Gell

Apologies: Nina Stenhouse, Louise Reposo, Helen McCrorie

2. Headteacher's update

See attached paper

Points of note:

- Recruitment underway.

Q: Will higher Sociology run?

A: It is likely but question over Nat 5 – TBC

Q: Are you having issues recruiting good quality staff?

A: Feel content that we are securing high calibre of staff and ensuring the school is looking at opportunities for increased flexibility.

- SQA: Process has gone smoothly and attendance has been very good. Predicted grades will be available w/c 13 June.

- School Week: Slight change to the timetable to slightly shorten each period and create an initial 15 minutes in the school day to enable students to attend form classes – to strengthen house identity. This will be done for 2 years and then reviewed.

Q: How can senior pupils with exams on leadership day get involved in the proposed activities?

A: Only those doing Higher Drama won't be able to participate but there will be follow up after the event with those students.

3. Anti-Bullying Policy

Morag Fotheringham presented progress to date (see attached presentation)

Work has been accelerated since the PKC review. Group has now been extended to the wider school community – awaiting pupil involvement. Small group looking at self evaluation.

Consultation – pupil voice (30/31 May), staff departmental discussion, focus groups, parent

input (survey and focus groups). PKC draft Council – wide policy. Small group to develop questions. Ongoing activity and monitoring system. Fiona P - offer to lead a discussion in parent council.

Aim to launch the new policy during Anti Bullying Week 14th November

4. Mobile phone policy

Morag Fotheringham provided feedback on the consultation.

See attached presentation.

Q: How will you manage any young person with health conditions requiring a mobile App on their phone to track their condition e.g. diabetes?

A: Phones will not be removed from these young people.

Q: Does the school anticipate that pupils will challenge the demerit process for disobeying new rules?

A: Anticipate there will be some push back but there are already situations where young people have restrictions on their phone use. MF said it was important that the consistent approach was adhered to across the school.

Q: Will young people get an opportunity to have healthy digital habits reinforced as part of these changes i.e. through PSE?

A: PSE programme will include healthy digital habits in the next school year.

CT noted her thanks to all who have been involved in making this happen, particularly Alison Ritchie who is stepping down from the committee.

5. Head girl / boy update

No update due to SQA exams.

6. Minutes and actions from previous meeting

All closed.

7. AOCB

CT noted that Scottish Government has launched a consultation on school uniform (open to 14 October 2022 [School uniforms in Scotland - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/school-uniform))

JD confirmed that school Awards ceremonies will be held in person this year.

Scone Friday will be supported by the Parent Council as a thank you for staff before the end of term.

Action: BV to follow up with Billy

8. Date and topics for next meeting:

Thursday 1st September

Appendix 1: HT Report

Appendix 2: Anti- Bullying Policy Update

Appendix 3: Mobile Phone Policy Update