

Crieff High School Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday 3 March 2022

Via Zoom at 6.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Cathy Tilbrook (Chair); Morven Harrower (Vice Chair); Clara Walker (Secretary); Billy Russell (Treasurer); John Donnelly (Head Teacher); Ava Harvey (Head Girl); Sarah Moore; Alison Ritchie; Emily & Jonty James; Fiona Perry; Eve Kilgannon; Helen McCrorie, Betsy Vielhaber; Louise Reposo; Louise McLaren.

Apologies: Catriona Cunningham

2. Summary of recent bullying allegations at CHS, PKC review and next steps

CT provided a verbal overview of what has happened to date. Review team comprised of Education and Equalities colleagues from P&K and South Lanarkshire Council. The review aims to look at school culture, processes and practice around bullying and harassment. Pupil, staff and parent anonymous survey was circulated, alongside individual interviews with specific groups (pupil and parents); an education psychologist was also available for 1:1 sessions and support.

Field work review took place w/c 21/02/22

Reporting phase is now underway and this will be shared with school, council, Parent Council and school community.

This should take roughly 3 weeks to be produced.

CT reported that the Parent Council committee had met with the review team on 21 Feb. The session provided varied feedback, connected to individual experiences. There has been a suggestion from the Parent Council that it would be keen to set up a working group to help support the outcomes of the review. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

JD commented that the investigation team comprised of 16 people during the Mon-Wed and was reduced to 5 on the Thursday and Friday. He felt the investigating team would have seen and experienced a positive and fair representation of Crieff HS during that time. Investigation team wanted to express their thanks to parents and carers for their contribution throughout the investigation.

MH asked about parents/carers; pupils involvement – JD commented that it was a very good response and would hold up well to scrutiny.

CT said we would follow this up after the report has been published and allow a fuller discussion at future PC meetings.

3. **Headteacher's update, including brief updates on curriculum choice review timelines and mobile phone policy consultation update.**

JD provided a verbal update – see attached update
Rescheduled S5/S6 parent's evening Thursday 19th March.
P7 Transition Day – 16th March
Friday 1st April last day of term
Conclusion around curriculum choices for lower school will be made by the end of December 2022.
Mobile phone policy – options appraisal will be concluded by June 2022.

CT asked if mobile phone sub group could support this process.

Action: JD agreed to refer to Morag Fotheringham to agree a process with the mobile phone subgroup.

S5 choices can now be made after the parent's night on 19th March.
JD said conversations with young people and their guidance teachers would continue as planned.

4. **Head girl / boy update.**

Ava Harvey reported that it had been a hectic few weeks ahead of the exams. P7 transition day was coming up and the prefect team was preparing for that. Leadership groups and sporting groups have been going well e.g volleyball. Ava noted that one priority for the senior leavers was connecting as a senior prefect team ahead of their transition from school into next phase. Pepper Young and Caitlin Brady went to Radio Earn to talk about the school's Mental Health Ambassador programme which has been very successful. CT congratulated the team on this success.

5. **Active Schools update (Nick Keiller)**

- Term 1 data 2021-22

NK noted that AS produce a termly report – this is a public report and if anyone would like to see a copy contact Cathy or Clara.

35% of the school role was involved in extracurricular activities.

14 school staff supported 9 different activities.

CT asked how it compares to other schools – NK said Crieff was in the top 3 schools in P&K. NK noted thanks for staff support to make this happen.

BK noted how valuable this work is for the school community.

- Youth Leadership Pathway Programme, Easter 2022

Youth Leadership Pathway – no limit on the number of courses that can be done and each course has a cost of £10 but this cost can be supported by Active Schools on a discretionary basis.

CT asked if it might be possible to get some testimonials from previous participants.

Action: NK to get some quotes/testimonials from previous participants to help promote the leadership programme.

- Night of Champions 2022

Night of Champions will return in face to face format – 7th June celebrating sporting success of young people inside and outside of the school.

Guest speaker confirmed as Stephanie Inglis – Commonwealth Game silver judo medallist.

£5 cost for tickets will be removed for 2022.

NK asked if there was still a commitment from the PC for financial support.

CT said that the PC would be able to provide some support but would need to look at what was available. BR suggested that NK provide info on amount needed.

Action: NK to provide CT/BR with some detail on suggested need.

JD asked NK about Axiom, campus building operator, around whether they might be able to support this.

Action: NK to discuss with the relevant contact with Axiom

- Request for volunteers

Anyone willing to volunteer their time to support extracurricular activities let NK know.

Action: NK to put information on school website.

Question around Bikeability programme Level 3

Action: NK will find out and come back to the PC

6. Minutes and actions from previous meeting

Action 1: JD to prepare a timeline for further discussion of this item at next meeting.
Carried forward to the next meeting

Action 2: CT to schedule a further discussion on mobile phone policy and consultation update at next meeting.
Carried forward to the next meeting

Action 3: JD to send out a communication to promote the new website.
JD noted that updates have gone out from the school and views to the new website have been positive.

Action 4: JD to request departments to develop a document on SQA subject requirements and timings.

JD reported that this was not necessarily needed. SQA will provide study guides and guidance on what will be expected from this year's exams on Monday 7th.

Action: JD to share this information with parents as soon as it is published by the SQA – JD suggested this could be done via the new website.

Action 5: JD to bring any response on these topics to next meeting (clearer visibility of pupil homework; summer school uniform; offensive language in school).

JD said that summer school uniform would be supported by the school.

Action: JD to include this in the formal school uniform policy

BK asked about support to school around exams and if this is line with England.

JD referred to the information coming out from the SQA on 7th March.

7. **AOCB**

MH noted in the chat: I would just like to say that whatever the findings of the current review, there were a lot of positive comments and feedback, certainly within the focus group I attended. I sincerely hope that these are fed back to SMT and staff. There are a lot of happy parents with happy children at the school!!

EK noted that JD had made some massive contributions to the school.

JD thanked them both.

8. **Date and topics for next meeting:**

Thursday 21st April 6.30pm