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Biggar High School Parent Council- October 2020

Present: Flora Neville (Chair), Robert Stewart (Head Teacher), Julie Forrest (Secretary) , Wendy Johnstone, Kate Allister, Chrissy Wild,

Apologies : Kirsty Campbell (Vice Chair), Rosslyn Thomson, Clare Waters, Councillor Ian McAllan , Paul Kane, Sue Hope, Gemma Milne

| ITEM | DETAIL | ACTION |
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| 1) Welcome & Minutes from Previous meeting | <p>Minutes agreed.</p> <p>Kirsty Campbell apologised from not being able to attend but gave these comments from September's meeting:</p> <p>Kirsty has given lottery licence info to Sue.</p> <p>The completed grant form for computer is done and uploaded to Google Drive</p> <p>The Schools wish list - 1st draft of donations letter templates for distribution to businesses is done and Sue is working on 2nd draft with</p> <p>RS feeding back re. exactly what is wished for as well as breaking down costings for Chrissy's Go Fund Me page.</p> | <p><i>RS to action</i></p> |

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| | <p>Social media – Kirsty has started posting. Can the social media policy be signed off and then if so, can members sign and upload to Google Drive. If possible, please can everyone remember to share FB posts to allow access to information to the widest possible audience. A big shout out to Kate with a massive thank you for being so hot on sharing our posts. Once we get a good amount following us we won't need to re share but we just need to re share important posts until then.</p> <p>Advertise clothing bank – this is done</p> <p>Advertise easy fundraising- this is not done yet as we were checking who has access be we will schedule a post next week and then fortnightly till Xmas.</p> <p>Arrange meeting with Mr Barrowman - Mr Barrowman replied asking what dates and times suit you for meeting. Do you want to ask if another member wants to do training with me so we can progress?</p> <p>Additional points</p> <p>Kirsty has created a google drive and invited everyone - does Councillor McAllan want access and if yes what email address to use ?</p> <p>Equity – Robert can you speak to website designer for school to see if they can create a web form for people to confidentially apply for support and thought that we could do a video advertising the link. I am happy to develop a video, but I would need a bit of input about how to pitch to get parents to engage. RS noted that website link/contact process was already underway. Video would be a good idea.</p> | |
| <p>2) Headteachers Update</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert is going to show to students a Power point of current issues to update them of the current risk assessment situation - General information: Robert is handing out 3 or 4 masks a day. Distancing as much in school as possible; hand sanitising rigorous; encouraging 2m rule in social spaces- but difficult to monitor; reduce sizes of 'bubbles' in PE; reinforce where wet weather zones are; Pe kit rules staying same; bus mask wearing is still good - 90+ responses re. Pupil Survey re. risk assessment guidance in school. Vast majority happy with what is in place and feel as safe and secure as they can;. Captains have notes re this and will feedback information via a video assembly to classes. | <p><i>RS to action</i></p> |

- New advice inside and outside- encourage layers of clothes. Hoodies to be allowed in classes. Colder weather encouraging pupils to come in to school when they arrive ensuring they are keeping masks on at all times.
- Google classroom training for staff in September In-service day. .
- Faculties to meet to discuss prelim plans and guides (most likely Dec & Jan)
- Document in over holidays from SLC (Learning Lessons). School to look at further minimizing risks (2m spacing in smaller classes, poss. look at more regular wearing of masks in class; Senior study spaces extended)
- Questionnaire not much coming back (queries re. blending learning, social distancing . . .)
- Dress down days to boost morale (approximately monthly) – 1st on Friday 30th (payment, 1 item for Clydesdale Food Bank)
- Charity week in November- more activities to be done more remotely.
- RM to come in and look at Wi-Fi Hubs. Still waiting for equity laptops (approx. 45)
- Thank for Flora organising the donation of the 3D Printers - CCM Laboratories – donated these as they had received these to make visors. Letter of thanks- Robert will organise, and Flora will get a Photo to pop onto Facebook.

Matters arising:

1)

WJ – Crawfordjohn bus situation – there is concern about some children standing on buses (Abington). SPT has been contacted and Stuarts should have also been contacted. Symington campaign has a key person. WJ asked if Robert could advise if there is anything coming up re. these buses so she could advise both key campaigners involved. Flora read email from Cllr. McAllan.

Thank you for your enquiry on behalf of ***** regarding school transport from Crawfordjohn to Biggar high School.

Strathclyde Partnership for transport have confirmed that there are 2 contracts scheduled to operate (Abington and Symington) because of the complaints raised with them during August and September the appropriate action was taken within the conditions of contract.

We have requested that SPT compliance officers complete a further inspection of both contracts to ensure the contractors are being operated individually and sufficient capacity is being provided. This will take place when the schools return after the October break.

Please be assured that the health and safety of the pupils while travelling to school is important to us and we will take any necessary action to ensure that sufficient capacity is provided on school transport.

Robert shared that he has asked all pupils on these buses if any child is standing at any point that as soon as they arrive at school should inform himself or Mrs Clingan. Official complaint had already been lodged with SPT and school would continue to do this if a similar situation were to arise.

2)

Ventilation within the school- it was agreed that it was good that there was plenty ventilation and that pupils will be able to wear extra layers to keep warm. RS noted that issues of adequate heating would most likely be raised as we moved into colder, more inclement weather.

3)

Financial situation – Wendy shared a concern about the financial situation for families. Robert shared that there is regular correspondence to let all parents know that there is support available through the school and let the school know and all help will be offered and given. Additional pathway of the website form would be implemented early November.

4)

Covid cases – it was asked if there is a plan if we get to a situation if pupils are off for any length of time? RS noted that there are a small number of children who are not attending for various reasons- school has set up links and pathways to keep children up to speed and keep them engaged remotely.

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| | <p>Track and trace - Robert has range of information relating to contacts within school days. No cases yet and school will trial the process to make sure that required information is as easy to gather as possible. Children would have to be asked who their contacts were at any given time. In school transmissions are extremely low and RS hoped this remained the case. RS complimented parents for taking appropriate measure to keep children off school if they were unwell or betraying any Covid like symptoms.</p> | |
| | <p>Other PC business</p> <p>SH working on lottery licence. FN and SH to meet next week. SH in the process of getting the loose ends sorted.</p> <p>Wish List and donation letter. KC has come up with a list and Robert to confirm this</p> <p>Go Fund Me – to pop on the wish list. CW was unsure if we were asking for money. We are popping on the list and hoping that will generate some support. Possibly suggest support this as an xmas gift . FN will confirm the wish list and get that active ASAP to help support</p> <p>Facebook/Social Media – KC and FN have been organising some more posts. Encourage everyone to do so.</p> <p>CW asked to be sent 'roles and responsibility' for Treasurer.</p> <p>WJ shared that she believes there a SLC document about the roles and responsibility involved within a Parent Council. WJ is going to contact Cheryl and ask about this.</p> | |

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| | <p>ASN update – 2 open forums this term (Sept & Oct). KR and Robert have drawn up paperwork about what is presently available within the school. Communication about what does exist. There are now flow charts to explain the processes. WJ is going to look at getting more information about signposts for support from out with school. Robert would like to put this information on the website after sub group feedback</p> <p>Transitions – DMcF is already looking at transitions for the P7. Robert is hoping to try to arrange for Primary schools to set aside 1 hr per month for remote transitions PC possibly put together a basic guide together about school etc.</p> <p>Parents Night – once ideas about planning for utilising working time agreement times allocated to Parental Consultations have been discussed with teaching staff, Robert will advise parent council</p> <p>Zoom – if anyone in the school needs to use Zoom out with school, they are welcome to use the PC Zoom account.</p> <p>Seagulls on the astro surface – now moved on so no more issues with this. However, they will return in April – there is a sonar system that may used in the future as a deterrent.</p> <p>WJ wished to express thanks to Robert and his team for all the support and help with the children during this time. And how much better with the children being back at school.</p> | |
| 3) Next meeting | Tuesday November 17 th 7pm Zoom Meeting | |