

Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Penicuik

Parent Partnership Meeting

11am Friday 4th September via MS Teams

Present: Lesley Swan (Chair), Siobhra Cran (Acting Depute Head Teacher), Anna Chidgey (Head Teacher), Simon Humphrey-Adam, Caroline Humphrey-Adam, Antonella Pia, Jude Holmes, Carole Blaikie, Gillian McLaren, Mag Anderson, Howie Anderson, Rachel & Donald Crease, Derly Salazar

Apologies: Louise Milligan, Sabrina McManus, Leigh Wood

1. General School Update – Miss Chidgey / Mrs Cran

- Smooth start to the year despite restrictions/procedures.
- Some teething issues with the high school around break times / lunch times but have been addressed.
- Starting virtual assemblies next week (themes on resilience, emotional wellbeing, along with birthdays etc.). One parent commented that their children in the high school feel a little excluded and the virtual assembly should help with this.
- Completed assessing children to identify gaps and planning targeted support
More difficult in terms of supporting children due to restriction of numbers (Miss Chidgey and Mrs Cran will be spending more time teaching).
Miss Chidgey meeting with class teachers next week to understand how gaps in knowledge will be filled.
- Teachers have noted improved attainment from children who engaged with google classroom during lockdown. Teachers will work on getting all children and parents on board with Google classroom.
Mrs C thanked parents for being supportive during lockdown.

Refurbishment

- Site reopened as testing site as early as permitted. New walls are up, floors are in, electrics being installed.

- Within the initial funding allocated to the extension, the windows were not included but put SH put in a bid to Midlothian Council which was successful. These are being replaced at the moment. Hoping to be completed by Jan / Feb 21. Progress meeting to be held in the coming weeks.

Other

One parent raised the issue of only 1 toilet being available for boys in the high school. Boys will have access to additional toilets before and after breaks. One parent asked when pupils will be able to do PE inside. Miss Chidgey said this guidance comes from Midlothian Council and the school need to wait for an update form them. Using the astro turf in the public park is not a possibility as it is used for PE by the high school.

2. Parent Consultations

Parents will be getting a letter in the coming week about parent consultations (to be held via phone or MS Teams). They will last for 10 minutes and time slots will be allocated as usual.

3. Christmas Raffle, Cups, Cards - Sabrina

- Sabrina would like to do the Christmas raffle and cups/cards this year and would be happy to have a helper in organising these. Parent partnership will provide some funding for this.
- Caroline Humphrey Adam will donate some baked goods / Christmas cakes.
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4. Denominational Review

- Midlothian Council have been in contact with Louise and Lesley to advise that they are waiting on guidance from SG before the formal consultation is held.
- Lesley and Miss Chidgey gave some background on the issue in question and the teach requirements in Roman Catholic schools. More information is available on the [Midlothian Council website](#).

5. Summer Fayre to replace Christmas Fayre

- Hoping to do a summer fayre to replace the Christmas fayre and this could be held outdoors.

Possible dates will be examined and stall holders will be needed.

Could look at merging sports day and summer fair day.

6. AGM

- Parent Partnership are hoping to hold an AGM shortly (once online AGM training is completed).
- New secretary and treasurer will be needed. More information will be coming out by email on this soon.

7. AOB

- For the parent partnership meetings going forward, Lesley will send out a survey to find out what time and day works best for the majority of parents. Possibly rotate between day and evening. These will be held virtually.
- Miss Chidgey is hoping to do coffee and chats again soon and these will be done virtually