

CDHS Parent Council meeting 19.4.23

Present: Hazel Young, Julie Irving, Eileen Hope, Kim Glover, Shani McMiken, Sara Barbour, Deborah Nelson, Mairi Henderson, Helen Keron, James Smith (Headteacher), Pauline Drysdale (Community Councillor), Harvey Pupil Youth Council.

Apologies: Dawn Campbell

Report from Headteacher:

School building works

Windows – still no progress Job is now out for tender again. No date is in place again for this process.

Plan – email again to all councillors

Disabled access – no timescale for this as yet Architect has been out No dates in time. Concern raised that work may not be done in time for start of term.

Plan – email again to all councillors

Rights Respecting School – Mr Prentice has taken a lead on this. He will get back in touch with any further support required from Parent Council.

School also looking at Digital Schools Award over the next few years. New hardware may be coming to the school to replace the current whiteboard/projector systems.

Pupils absence levels

As attendance drops decrease in attainment Submitted SBAR to head of education to see what can do as an authority. Have access to an attendance officer 2 days a week. CD average attendance 91.3% which is 1.6% lower than 2017/18 Target set by Scottish Government is 95%

Some other schools in D+G are 10% below pre covid

Have appointed a supported learner assistant who is involved in engaging pupils to reattend.

Main issue seems to be effect of Covid in impact on pupils returning to school Hub is helpful to provide soft start/finish and wellbeing hub for breakout spaces as needed.

School has impact of less than 85% Attendance officer may then have role below 60%

Transport funds

£600 and £100 for PC funds for transport.

Reflected on high cost of transport and effect this then has on trips.

Also raised issues with Corsock bus and bus not coming and also using minibus which then means that children are having to stand Limited communication that bus services not running.

School minibus

School has access to some drivers and trying to increase number of staff able to drive bus. Can only transport 15 pupils on bus. Discussed whether could use parent volunteers who are PVGed to help Drivers would need MIDAS training

Turing laptop

Although unable to access school network able to access glow accounts and can then save work on one drive account.

Discussion again about ways that we could try to access IT services for this

Email councillors to raise with council

Accelerated reader

JS will update on the alternative

ASN support allocation

Not been allocated as yet

Discussion re stairs and one way system

Ongoing to allow safe transfer

Priorities for next improvement plan

Main themes Additional Assessment Arrangements – young people who get extra time Need to br

Allocation of literacy and numeracy levels

Continue with nurture

Looking at switch to 2nd years choosing subjects for 2 years to enable nat 4/5 courses to start at Christmas of 3rd year to allow 18 months

Vision for supporting learners

Consultations on the school estate

Helen reported on meeting attended - answer will definitely involve amalgamation as too many schools in school estate Discussed effect that this may then have on cost of school transport and effect of wrap around care. Public consultation in May and would suggest as many parents as possible try to attend

Reduction of children in D+G Discussion on longer term vision of school being more of a community facility.

Discussed importance of retaining staff in this area Don't want to travel to larger school to then have to travel further

Helen will respond to consultation

Discussed putting on event to start discussion regarding these options – email to discuss whether any education members will be able to attend at this

Discussions with councillor

Concerns raised about pitch states across Dumfries and Galloway and also discussed 3G pitch availability and importance of maintaining these.

Roll will be around 515 next year, - 115 S1 Discussed effects of this especially on PE space

Learning assistant allocation - discussed timeline for this

Discussed possible update of Community Centre and space for young people within this.

General discussion regarding planning for the future

Finances

Bank balance £1302.57

Transport fund £500

Survey and Microgrants

AOCB

DoE – support if needed

Still girls vaping in girls toilets – school aware of issue and discussed

Next meeting

Agree by email