

## **Minutes from PC meeting held on 15 February 2021 (online via Microsoft Teams)**

**Attendance:** Gordan Mouldsdales, Jonathan Campbell, Louise Oudega, Allison Lunan, Fiona Saunders, Cllr Moir, Cllr Low, Karen Thomas, Sheena Murray, Jane McGrory

**Apologies:** Alison Keith, Carol Robertson, Natalie Storey, Marion McAllister, Cllr Pews

JC opened the meeting by welcoming everyone for their attendance to the meeting and approved previous minutes.

### **1. Head Teacher's Report**

GM: Strong evidence of Covid reported numbers peaking but still not enough to return to school. Awaiting update announcements by First Minister by middle of February. Unlike the first phase one lockdown, pupils S4/5/6 have only completed 2/3 of coursework and with the disruption throughout last term due to a number of pupils self-isolating, there have been many challenges and decisions to be made over the coming periods. There is speculation that the SQA may shift the date of submission of pupils' estimated grades.

In school provision for key workers and vulnerable category has resulted in 32-35 pupils attending each day. Pupils are split into year groups and are working on same lessons as pupils undertaking online learning at home. Staff are rotated across 5 ICT rooms with one teacher and one Support for Learning assistant in each room with a group of pupils. High levels of engagement and positive comments around live lessons.

Next week surveys will be sent out to staff, parents and pupils to look at what is working and modify online learning to suit needs. Important to strike the wellbeing of young people, demand is high for live learning and has been a very positive start.

School is mindful of Health and Wellbeing of staff and pupils. Looking at activities to support this.

Will continue to keep parents informed as time goes on. JC commented on being two weeks into online teachings and parents are positive around school's efforts.

### **2. AOCB**

LO asked how the assessments of practical subjects will take place. GM said that discussions are underway and that this is a nationwide problem which needs to be addressed by SQA. GM is meeting with EDC Head Teachers next week to discuss this. All assessment is an issue and needs to be consistent and equitable across all schools.

JC commented on the next date of the meeting may be a bit too near but all agreed to keep February date.

AM stated that he is looking forward to hearing results of survey.

JC: Thanked everyone for their attendance and time this evening.

Date of next meeting Monday 15 February 2021