



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 02 November 2023

Welcome & apologies:

Present

Parents: Lisa Armstrong, Neil Bennett, Mo Lamond, Clare Stewart, Amanda Stewart, Victoria Tait, Jude Reid

Staff: Peter Macklin, Bruce Robertson Local Councillor: John Greenwell

Apologies

Katrina Reynolds

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of meeting in October were approved

2. Chairperson's Report

Neil updated the Parent Council on the following matters:

- Mental Health provision:
 - 1st set of data will be shared in Feb 24.
- PC Parent Recruitment – Need to try at Christmas Fair and any other events
- Dyslexia Support in school:
 - Positive meeting held on 30/10. Movement towards Dyslexia Quality Mark

3. Treasurer's Report 2021-2022

Main Account Balance - £2684

200 club balance - £231

Parent Council approved £500 towards Pay for a Pal. School to confirm if this is to be paid into main school account.

Have applied for SBC Parent Council funding money

Payments made for Christmas poster prizes and domain renewal

4. 200 Club draw

October draw – 1st – 46 (T Runciman), 2nd – 17 (K Master), 3rd – 37 (C Stewart)

5. Christmas Fair Update

Still waiting on payment from some stalls – ML to supply list and VT to chase

Raffle funding will be towards library revamp

Tombola group call going out next week

6. Rector's Report

Staffing update was provided with Mr Macklin taking over temporary responsibility for the Maths department

The careers event was a success and Mr Gracey was applauded for all his hard work

Showcase day is a way to get the school's name out there

Vaping continues to be targeted by staff

Pedagogy conference went well

Currently carrying out supported self evaluation on departments. Music completed and English this week

6. Matters raised

School Uniform – the length of girl's skirts was raised. Bruce is reluctant to get involved in a battle over skirt length.

Facebook was discussed to get information out, but Bruce would rather continue with the school website as the main place for parents to get information as well as the Heads Up

Suggest S5 pupils attend the UCAS events

The school paid for pupils of the UN Club to attend a meeting. The parent council identified this as something they would be happy to fund in the future.

6. AOB

John praised the heads up

7. DONM

Thursday 14th December at 6pm (revised to Wed 20th at a later date)