



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 07 February 2024

Welcome & apologies:

Present

Parents: Neil Bennett, Mo Lamond, Victoria Tait, Wanda-Jane Field, Clare Stewart

Staff: Bruce Robertson Local Councillor: John Greenwell

Apologies

Katrina Reynolds, Amanda Stewart, Jude Reid, Lisa Armstrong, Marie Anne Hodge

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of meeting in February were approved

2. Chairperson's Report

Neil updated the Parent Council on the following matters:

SBC funds for PC was approved so we will receive £500.

High School Chairs meeting update from 5th Feb

- Mental Health provision in schools is lacking. MyPas is being trialled as a resource. Cheviot Youth was also mentioned as a source for support.
- Food Packaging – no movement

School Show

- PC ran the refreshments stall and donated the money to music dept. Other school events were flagged in March as potential refreshment opportunities.

Dyslexia support

- Kathy and Vicky working on assessment for the Dyslexia Quality Mark. Need to register for assessment. PC agreed to fund £600 for accreditation. Also agreed to fund banner for Kathy to use at parents evening (approx. £70)

Chairs Group Topics

- Food Packaging in schools: Neil asked for some feedback on whats happening in BHS. Parents mentioned that children come home with plastic water bottle every day. John referenced a reverse vending machine at Stow which allows pupils to make sure their plastic is being recycled.

Thank you card: Neil will carry on with this

3. Treasurers Report

- Main Account Balance - £2,892.89
- 200 club balance - £368.60
- PC paid for refreshments for the school show £196.23

4. 200 Club draw

- December draw – 1st – 7 Claire Morton 2nd – D Archibald 3rd – 9 Mo Mazonni
- January Draw – 1st 56 C Mabon 2nd – 33 A White 3rd 6 K Morton

5. Rector's Report

Director of Education visited the school and was very impressed. School feels great, behaviour levels are good. Attainment levels were commended, and other schools want to know what we are doing.

Staffing

- Welcome to Cameron, the new drama teacher.
- Maths advert is out again.
- Appointed 2 CSA resources as more than 1 excellent candidate.

Attainment Meetings are happening with heads of departments. Raising attainment plans will be created on inservice days.

New courses are being offered this year e.g. football coaching.

School role is going up with some children moving into the area and others moving from Berwick and other areas.

6. Matters raised

Sport in school – it would be good to offer support to the less known sports. Wanda agreed to take this forward with Mr Murray

Racism in school was discussed. Bruce detailed the school policy and assured the PC that this was taken very seriously.

7. AOB

Pay for a pal – PC to approach other funding sources to help this initiative

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21 March at 6pm