



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 21 March 2024

Welcome & apologies:

Present

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

Staff: Bruce Robertson, Emma Dickson

Apologies

Katrina Reynolds, Amanda Stewart, Marie Anne Hodge, Wanda-Jane Field

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of meeting were approved

2. Chairperson's Report

Neil updated the Parent Council on the following matters:

- Office Bearers
 - There is a real need for someone to come forward as Chair and Treasurer as of August. Neil and Mo would be better suited to a supporting role as their children will be in final year.
- High School Chairs Topics
 - Mental Health provision in schools is still a focus. Neil to reach out to primary schools for input.
 - Food Packaging – no movement
- Dyslexia:
 - Ready to register for quality mark. Huge thank you to Kathy and Vicky
- Thank you card: Neil will carry on with this

3. Treasurers Report

- Main Account Balance - £2,696.66
- 200 club balance - £436.60
- Our application for Tesco stronger starts was approved for voting in April to June session. Prize is minimum of £500 towards enrichment programmes so suggestion that this goes towards Pay for a Pal

4. 200 Club draw

- February Draw:
 - 1st 8-John Greenwell
 - 2nd 52-J Heron
 - 3rd 40 N Brown

5. Rector's Report

- Staffing
 - Good news for Maths – 2 positions offered to student teachers so dept will be fully staffed
 - 2 CSA resources started.
 - Huge pressure with staff absence but credit to remaining staff for covering especially Emma who is covering both Deputy Head roles.
 - New middle leadership role to offer development within current staff
- Prelim assessments completed. Teachers plans are in place with possible coaching days. Senior school are in for 1 week after April holidays and then 5 weeks study leave.
- Course Choices – column system has led to a general good spread of numbers across courses.
- Parents evening ran well. areas.

6. Matters raised

Graphics and Metal work in Design and Technology. This isn't offered due to teacher availability and attainment has been low. Do have a system to feed into borders college.

7. AOB

- Study Leave – can neurodiverse students study in school. Yes, on a case-by-case basis. This can't be large numbers as very difficult to keep track of children. If students are struggling, they should contact class teacher.
- Pay for a Pal tech issues are sorted so the option should appear. When it does there will be an announcement in the heads up. Fund is already being used.
- Should out to Miss Ralston for her amazing revision pack.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 02 May at 6pm