



## **Berwickshire High School Parent Council**

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 06 June 2024

### **Welcome & apologies:**

#### **Present**

Parents:, Neil Bennett, Lisa Armstrong, Clare Stewart, Wanda-Jane Field,

Staff: Bruce Robertson, Emma Dickson

Local Councillor: John Greenwell

#### **Apologies**

Katrina Reynolds, Amanda Stewart, Jude Reid, Lisa Armstrong, Marianne Hodge

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved

### **2. Chairperson's Report**

Neil updated the Parent Council on the following matters:

- We need to recruit new members as both Mo and Neil will be standing down when their children leave school. It would be good to have people in role to train up.
- High School Chairs meeting
- Mental Health provision in schools is lacking, but there is no money available within SBC so this has been parked until the new session.
- Food Packaging – no movement
- Music Stands - Cameron Mabon made a request for assistance to purchase more robust music stands. As our funds are at their lowest at the end of term we asked if he could wait. The PC are providing the refreshments for the school show.
- Dyslexia: Materials have been received

### **3. Treasurers Report**

- Main Account Balance - £2,166.66
- 200 club balance - £529.20
- Meeting of Minds paid in £120 to cover payment for learning support software.

### **4. 200 Club draw & Fundraising**

- May double payment 1st £27.20 No.49 N Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> £13.60 No.47 L Bryce, 3<sup>rd</sup> No 20. D Rutherford
- Windfarm applications have been put in to Abbey St Bathans and Blackhill. Blackhill have pledged £1,000 for Library and Workshops
- Xmas Fair – Vicky has agreed to lead work on the fair but will need help as it is a lot of work

## **5. Rector's Report**

- Emma takes over as Rector in August with Cameron Murray stepping into her Deputy Rector role alongside Peter who is returning to school.
- University of Edinburgh Professor visited the school – this is the chap who spoke so highly of BHS on the news earlier in the year.
- BHS held a Showcase Day with 40 delegates from across Scotland
- School Improvement Plan – PC were asked if there is anything they would like to be added on top of the neurodiversity and dyslexia work that is happening. PC would like something around the mental health provision
- School Uniform – the BHS black ¼ zip top is approved as school uniform for seniors. This will allow those with a heavily weighted PE timetable to stay in PE kit throughout the day.

## **6. Matters raised**

- Prom – teachers not attending was raised. Bruce stood by his teacher's decision and was happy that the school was well represented.
- Awards ceremony – guidance and subject teachers can nominate for awards. There will be a new enhanced provision award
- iPad issue with Procreate app being deleted by SBC and artwork lost. There is nothing the school could have done about this as the iPads are centrally managed.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
(changed to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August as 5<sup>th</sup> clashes with Senior Awards Ceremony)