



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 29 August 2024

Welcome & apologies:

Present

Parents: Neil Bennett, Mo Lamond, Victoria Tait, Clare Stewart, Marianne Hodge, Ray Georgeson, Wand-Jane Field, Isna Ishaque Manningal, Alan Rustad-Renshaw, Katrine Rustad-Renshaw, Sally Kitchen, Jude Reid, Lisa Armstrong

Staff: Emma Dickson

Apologies

Amanda Stewart

1. AGM Business

Election of Office Bearers

Chair – Neil Bennett

Treasurer – Mo Lamond

Secretary – Mo Lamond

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved

2. Chair'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 meetings will commence again
- Mental Health pick up at the next chairs meeting
- Food Packaging – no movement
- Fundraising requests
 - DOE first aid training is required to allow teachers and staff to lead expeditions - £480 approved
 - There are many S2 students this year resulting in an additional bus for the English literacy trip. Approved £450 from the wind farm literacy fund.
 - Approved £85 to engrave sports trophies
 - Approved £100 for Geography trip
- Senior Awards. Youth Philanthropy Initiative are fund raising so will be doing tea and coffee. PC offered tea/coffee supplies from our store

3. Treasurers Report

- Main Account Balance - £4,843.76 (£2,900 for Library and Literacy)
- 200 Club balance - £88.50
- We were 3rd in Tesco award so will receive £500.

4. 200 Club draw & Fundraising

- August draw 1st £13.20 No.13 M Short, 2nd £6.60 No.39 J McEwen, 3rd No 17. K Master
- Christmas Fair prep is underway with a separate meeting to allocate tasks

5. Rector's Report

- Standard of behaviour is good. We have a high number of children in S1 with additional needs.
- Head Team have some big plans for their legacy projects
- Staffing update – there is a full dept in Maths for the first time in a long time. Hopefully a new English teacher joining in November. Head of PE has started with a focus on extracurricular activities.
- Exam results were strong. Bug wins are the pass rate at Higher of 76% A-C and 89.3% A-D. Nat5 results are 71.4% A-C and 84.3% A-D. These results will improve when the NPA data comes in.
- Budget will be a struggle as SBC continues to ask schools to be creative
- School role is increasing with only 4 places in S1 and 5 places available in S2

6. Matters raised

- Fire Drill – there was a fire drill held on during a Physics mock test which resulted in children missing core time. Rector explained that drills are planned.
- There is a Duns community led planning survey. It would be good if people could complete it.
- Awards ceremony – could we see pictures of the winners – Rector confirmed that these will be included in the heads up.
- Awards. There will be a new enhanced provision award.
- Is it possible for children to get on another school bus – this is at the discretion of the bus company

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 2024