



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 03 October 2024

Welcome & apologies:

Present

Parents:, Neil Bennett, Mo Lamond, Victoria Tait, Clare Stewart, Marianne Hodge, Sally Kitchin, Ray Georgeson, Katrina Rustad-Renshaw, Lisa Armstrong

Staff: Emma Dickson

Apologies

Amanda Stewart, Jude Reid, John Greenwell

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 as Chair and Treasurer when their children leave school. It would be good to have people in role to train up. This will continue to be an item until we can find additional people to take office bearing roles
- High School Chairs meetings will commence again on 21st October
- Lack of funding for extra curricular trips is a concern. PC have seen this already having to step in and help a couple of trips already this month.
- Various SBC meetings happening at various high schools across the borders aimed at improving comms with Parent Councils
- Connect easy fundraising (meeting next Tuesday). Works with a number of shops to give cash back, It's easy to set up
- Food Packaging – no movement

Fundraising requests

- Derek Huffman setting up extra-curricular book club. Would PC fund the books if the school don't already have them?

3. Treasurers Report

- Main Account Balance - £4508 (£2450 for Library and Literacy)
- 200 club balance - £108.50
- We were 3rd in Tesco award so will receive £500.

4. 200 Club draw & Fundraising

- September draw 1st £13.20 No.61 Ross Ryrie, 2nd £6.60 No.48 Ceri Leather, 3rd No 6 Kenneth Morton
- Christmas Fair prep is underway with tasks and helpers sorted out. Using the poster from last year. Volunteers needed to set up during the day.

5. Dyslexia support update

- Vicky has produced a doc covering what has happened so far
- Next step is to meet on 29th October to plan approach

6. Library Spend

- Several items have been suggested by the library team. The money must be used for events so ED to go back to

7. Rectors update

- Emma Dickson presented the results from the 2024 exams

8. Matter Raised

- Lisa looking to get donations for the school breakfast club. Some only serve primary schools. Lisa needs some information on deprivation levels.
- School trip funding for S6 Biology is not available for several reasons. SBC are keen to make sure the cost of the school day is not prohibitive for parents. This means that the school should not be running trips which are essential to courses at a cost to parents.
- Vaping in the toilets is not just in the toilets. School is doing what it can to combat the issue. Ray has worked on the environmental impact of disposable vapes and will produce something for the heads up.

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- Big thank you from the English Department

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2024