



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 21 November 24

Welcome & apologies:

Present

Parents: Neil Bennett, Mo Lamond, Clare Stewart, Sally Kitchin, Ray Georgeson

Staff: Emma Dickson

Apologies

Amanda Stewart, Jude Reid, John Greenwell, Marianne Hodge, Victoria Tait

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved

2. Chair's Report

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. This will continue to be an item until we can find someone.

Neil updated the Parent Council on the following matters:

- High School Chairs meetings seem to be static. This still exists but the meetings haven't happened.
- PC letter heading has been approved. Neil is happy to create something
- Duns Community Council liaison – keen to explore PC going along to CC gatherings to promote positive image of the school. Emma would like more events involving the community e.g. coffee mornings. Budgets just aren't there anymore for transport. Some old negative opinions of the school still exist.
- Remembrance Day was a nice day and PC are grateful for the information to be involved.
- PC grant has been applied for which is £500

Fundraising requests

- Emma looking for £500 for outdoor shelters for the school – this additional funding towards the shortfall has allowed 2 shelters rather than 1 to be provided.
- School show refreshments

3. Treasurers Report

- Main Account Balance - £4698.76 (£2450 for Library and Literacy)
- 200 club balance - £258.50
- We were 3rd in Tesco award so will receive £500.

4. 200 Club draw & Fundraising

October draw: 1st £16 No.61 Ross Ryrie, 2nd £6 No.24 , 3rd £3 No 17 Katy Master

5. Dyslexia support update

Audit report has been completed and is ready to be sent off

6. Rectors update

- 3rd Pedagogy conference was held in the school and received really well.
- New English teacher has started but another has handed their notice in. Recruiting now.
- Really proud of the students at the Rembrace Day service
- Child protection 'fake' inspection was carried out with the school being highlighted as excellent by the SBC
- BHS exam data analysis was presented at an event
- Pay for a Pal has gone well with a couple of students benefiting by going on trips. Currently have £1,500
- Awards system has been revamped – CRESS awards based on the values which come with house points.
- Congratulations to Jess for receiving the first award.

8. Matter Raised

Potential for the PC to set up a Facebook account to promote the school – carry over to next meeting for discussion

Business Manager has retired. SBC downgraded the post when they advertised it and no one applied. Internal candidate was offered the role at the lower grade and quite rightly turned the role down.

8. Matter Raised

Big thank you from the Geography dept for our donation towards their trip.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday Thursday 16th January