



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Agenda: Wednesday 17th September 2025, 6:45pm

1. **Welcome & apologies** (5 min)

Present at meeting: Sally Kitchen, Marianne Hodge, Victoria Tait

Apologies: Emma Dickson, Ray Georgeson, Jude Reid

2. **Minutes of last meeting** (5 min)



Minutes Parent
Council Meeting - 2'

Reissued with changes are required from Marianne Hodge

3. **Chair's report, including:** (5 min)

• **appointment of permanent Headteacher – decision and process**

Parent Council is very pleased with appointment of Emma Dickson as Permanent Rector. The interview went well, and the official appointment is very much deserved. Recruitment for maternity cover will now happen.



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• **next meeting of SBC PC Chairs Forum 25th Sept**

Who is going to this – Ray? Or Sally?

• **recruitment of parents to Parent Council**

Will do another newsletter this term of “this is us”

Amendment after meeting: VT will also put out that need 2 representatives from each year (as per constitution) in Headsup

*** admin issues to resolve – letterheads; emails**

Do we have a letterhead now, how do we get a copy of this for grant applications, funding requests etc – LisaB?

Can Chair ask at next **SBC PC Chairs Forum** re: SBC e-mail addresses and who organises this so we can transfer emails over to SBC official addresses.

4. **Treasurer's report** (5 min)



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MH has put in for the £500 SBC Parent Council Grant Application 2025-26 (SBC offers an annual grant to Parent Councils to help support its running costs)

£500 agreed for S2 English trip – to come out of Library Funds.

KH has been in touch with Marianne and planning to get Fresh start ordered this week.

Amendments following meeting:

- a. £568.20 transferred from Library funds 19 Sep 25 to Ian Bain for "Lads" Event 22nd Sept an Author event.
- b. PC willing to give £500 to Enhanced Provision for Swimming to start them off this term.

5. **200 Club draw** (5 min)

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| Jul | 1 | 43 | C Beattie |
| | 2 | 13 | M Short |
| | 3 | 29 | M Lamond |

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| Aug | 1 | 39 | J McEwan |
| | 2 | 7 | C Morton |
| | 3 | 16 | E Landon |

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| Sep | 1 | 3 | A Anderson |
| | 2 | 43 | C Beattie |
| | 3 | 16 | E Landon |

6. **Rector's report** (15 min)

To add as not present at meeting

7. **Fundraising** (10 min)

Christmas Fayre update

A push is needed for stall holders. VT to send details to SK and MH for contacts
Yes, to tombola again – Adults and Kids – to check with Jude if she interested in helping again.

Amendments following meeting:

- a. VT to contact Mr Mabon
- b. Refreshments – SK to suggest to Chestnut Café that they could do this as a fundraiser.

Plans for future fundraising events – ideas please

Tesco again – Marianne to do
Dress Down Day
Huffman and Spence event

VT will put together form to request funds needed 25/26 from departments

8. **Funding Requests and future Funding Plan for the year** (15 min)

- EP Swimming support – this is the only extracurricular activity that some EP do but funds have been cut this year.

Amendment following meeting:

- a. PC willing to give £500 to EP. They are also doing their own grants and fundraising.

9. **Mental Health provision in SBC schools** (5 min)

Has the new MH provision started in School? What is the referral process now? Can children self-refer or can parents on their behalf.

10. **Dyslexia Quality Mark update** (5 min)

In terms of BDA, Kathy Huffman is still chasing! She has been busy gathering evidence, so She's not got huge concerns about the progress the school is making but we need to get the okay from them. She will reach out again tomorrow and if I don't hear back, She would like VT to help chase! 😊

11. **Issues raised by parents for discussion:** (10 min)

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- **Vaping in toilets** – Response from Rector required at next meeting
- **S6 free periods post-exams** – Response from Rector required at next meeting
- **Club variety** – Response from Rector required at next meeting

12. **AOB** (3 min)
- PC meetings to be held monthly with next date agreed at each meeting
 - Senior Awards night – this was brilliant but improvement for next year – everyone except the highest achiever and the DUX award had something said about why they were getting it**
 - Kathy Huffman was out of school Tuesday. She brought an S3 student who has been selected as an Inclusion Ambassador for Children in Scotland to their first meeting in Glasgow. The group will listen to their feedback, and it will be used to inform government policy on meeting learners' needs in schools. Next one is in Edinburgh.
 - Kathy has submitted her dissertation and will hear back in October if she has done enough.
13. **Date of next meeting - to be agreed here (as requested)** (2 min)
Wednesday 29th October

Meeting Concluded: 7:45pm