



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Agenda: Wednesday 29th October, 6 pm

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

Sally welcomed all the new parents to the meeting and introductions were made by everyone

Present at meeting: Sally Kitchen, Marianne Hodge, Victoria Tait, Judith Weston, Clare Stewart, Sara Steady, Keisha Craig, Kirstie Binnie, Sandra Dewar, Susan Benson

Apologies: Ray Georgeson, Jude Reid

Netball Funding

Katy Master kindly gave an overview of how funding had been obtained pre-covid (subs / windfarm grants and 2 x 12-hour netball match fundraisers). Some money has been spent since then but minimal and £2821.00 will be transferred over to the Parent Council and it is to be ringfenced specifically for “Girls Sport”. If the current netball team wish to purchase new dresses / kit etc. they will need to put in an application to the PC for the funding.

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



BHSPC Minutes
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Circulated prior to meeting and at meeting and approved

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

• **appointment of interim head teacher**

Judith Weston has been appointed Interim Head Teacher to cover until 22nd December 2025. The maternity cover position will be advertised, and an interview process will be conducted.

• **chairs group and smaller cluster group**

This was held online 25th September – Chair Christine Brown from SBC

Proposal is to make smaller groups from each cluster.

Historically the Chairs group was started during covid, so chairs knew what was going on at SBC.

A presentation was given on used of iPads in schools.

• **Careers fair**

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Great event. Over 300 people came to it. There was a huge range of businesses, enterprises and colleges. Many thanks for input and organisation of this event by Lucy Owenson (DYW) and Colin Gracey (BHS).

Additional Needs career support was present at it this time and will work towards greater presence next year.

* admin issues to resolve – letterheads; emails

It has come to light that it is costing £17 for current PC e-mail domains. Also, some controversy over data protection of current server.

Sally will discuss with IT consultant re: changing over to Gmail or outlook and discuss with Neil Bennett shut down of current domains with evidence that this has been done.

4. Treasurer's report

(5 min)



Oct 2025 treasurers
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Treasurers report 29th October 2025

<u>Main account</u>		<u>200 club account</u>
Opening balance per accounts	3,907.37	237.50
Add Income		
Christmas fair stalls	190.00	-
200 club payments	-	40.00
Less Expenditure		
Bank chg	4.25	- 8.50
Library - 2 sessions of LADS	568.20	
Music - Les mis session	117.00	
English S2 trip (RF)	500.00	
Senior awards	50.00	
Enhanced provision Swimming	500.00	
Raffle tickets	62.00	-1,801.45
200 club prizes	-	- 20.30
	<u>2,295.92</u>	<u>248.70</u>
Restricted for Library	397.80	
	<u>1,898.12</u>	

The amount of £1400 that we had set aside for fresh start is now no longer needed.
This is being paid through PEF funding

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5. **200 Club draw**

(5 min)

Will be drawn at a later date and witnessed as there have been new subscriptions at careers fair and some people have left now.

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6. **Rector's report**

(15 min)

Attainment presentation was provided by Judith Weston.

The acting head went over our exams results in comparison to the virtual comparator.

Again, this year we are excelling at Nat 4,5 and higher and advance higher pass rates. Her only slight concern was the children who are identified as coming from a more deprived back ground were not excelling to the same extent but are still at or above the virtual comparator. This is being looked at along with absences in the same group of children.

A summary of this presentation may be available on request from the School Office.

Suggested that video / Kathy Huffman description to parents on attainment levels is made and distributed.

Magma Maths resource has been well received.

2 redeployments for PSA which is great news.

7. **Fundraising**

(10 min)

Christmas Fayre update

24 stalls currently signed up. Payments being taken and tracked by Treasurer.

Can take maximum of about 30 if use tables from Primary school

Sally and Marianne have done an amazing job in getting raffle prizes to equate to 3 hampers this year.

Sally will get details of raffle ricket sales in Heads Up. S6 will sell after poppy day. Clare will arrange for Coop again. Sally has arranged to sell at S1 parents evening if anyone is about to help.

Enterprise group are going to do teas and coffees.

Sally will distribute notice to all Primary schools re: the event to encourage them to come.

Plans for future fundraising events – ideas please

Carried over to next meeting due to time

Separate fundraising group

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Carried over to next meeting due to time

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

How we are going to manage these coming in.

Carried over to next meeting due to time

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

MYPAS www.mypas.co.uk counselling service shared with Eyemouth Cluster instated.

Will be 3 days / week for the cluster. Confidentiality (except for Safeguarding) will be maintained between counsellor and child.

ACTION: J Weston to find out – how someone is referred? And do parents know if their child has been referred?

- Referrals can be made by a child, parent or by the school (or indeed anyone who is working with the child)
- Added by JW after the meeting: If a child is under 12, parental consent is to be sought. Over 12, the child does not have to consent, but school and Mypas will work to ensure that families are informed and involved unless the child does not wish it.
- The tender is for 3 years and there is scope to expand the offering if funding can be found

S4 as a year group are being targeted for MH provisions due to number of absences in that year. Louise Kennedy is leading on this project.

Mr Watson has now been promoted to Year Head with Miss Murray as Year Head.

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

In terms of BDA, no further update. Kathy Huffman is still chasing! She has been busy gathering evidence.

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

Vaping in toilets – processes are in place. Monitoring of toilets at break and lunchtime is conducted. Suggestion from J Weston that toilets specifically for 1st years are initiated not just due to this reason but as support systems for new pupils.

ACTION: J Weston is going to look into this.

S6 free periods post-exams – Pupils should be contributing to school services, e.g. P7 transition day, Sports Day, Primary sports day, Clubs or self-study in the library.

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Other S6 parents at meeting and parents of previous S6 pupils agreed Students **do** have enough to be getting on with in June when new Year groups start.

Club variety – It was raised that there is not a current list somewhere of all the Clubs that occur in the school for pupils to take part in. Thought that some items are posted in the daily notices. Also looking into creating opportunities for those that are non-sporting individuals – Esports, Coding, Debating, Art, Sewing etc. Making use of S6s with free periods and use of external groups such as Men’s Shed as long as proper PVG checks are in place.

ACTION: J Weston is going to look into this.

History books – It was raised about the lack of quality of History text books.

ACTION: J Weston will raise with Head of Social Sciences.

12. **Parent reps for year groups** (5 min)

S1 – Sandra Dewar

S2 – Kirstie Binnie

S3 – Jude Reid (Check she is able to do this or source alternative)

S4 – Victoria Tait

S5 – Clare Stewart

S6 – Jo Mabon

Sally will send out details

13. **AOB** (3 min)

A. Request for School Calendar on website to be updated.

ACTION: J Weston is in the process of updating the current website. 1

B. Request for PC to have lanyards at school events they attend – **S Bunyan at the office will action**

C. **New Head of PE starting was briefly mentioned – please could any leavers or starter of teachers be mentioned in full at PC meetings by Head.**

Action – standing order on the agenda

D. Mr Gracey will be in touch with Sally re: Parent Council representation at Remembrance Day event

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E. Date of next meeting - to be agreed here (as requested)

(2 min)

Wednesday 19th November 6pm. Meeting Concluded: 7:50pm