

Online Parent Council Minutes 2nd June 2021

Present:

Parent Council Members:

Douglas Archibald, Neil Bennett, Jane Boyce, Claire Fitzgerald, Jim Heron, Pauline Heron, Helena Richards, Diane Sinclair, Ellie Spence, Scott Spence, Jane Taylor, Diane Turnbull, Anna White.

School:

Bruce Robertson

Apologies:

Morag Lamond, Emma McDevitt, Morag Mazzoni, Katy Master, Katie Massie.

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved from the last meeting and all matters arising covered within Rector's report.

2. Chairs Report

Nothing to report, all circulars received have been shared.

3. Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is £2,552.48, and £844.87 within the 200 Club.

4. 200 Club

1 st Prize - £53.00	Ross
2 nd Prize - £26.50	Marianne O'Brien
3 rd Prize - £15.90	Elsbeth Boland

5. Rector's Report and Questions

The Rector spoke of budget cuts and the need for him to review his spending plan in line with new figures being issued by the region. Savings of £71K are to be made by BHS. Further discussions and liaison with other PCs will take place however the deadline for this is 14th June.

6. Matters raised to discuss

Volunteers were again sought for the posts of Chair, Treasurer and 200 Club convenor, anyone wishing to take up a position or find out more about it can contact the current incumbent.

An SQA update covered rights to Appeal, Diet 1 and 2 and the supplementary work being used to ensure pupils getting best possible grade with supporting evidence.

Parents Evenings were discussed. Whilst zoom meetings are easily accessible many parents felt that there was a need to meet the teachers in person and that teachers learn a lot from meeting parents. Other schools are running successful remote parents' evenings but a blended approach to this may be necessary. Especially for new parents to view the school and the set up.

7. Principal Teacher of Science

Jen Addie gave an update on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, as the new DofE Coordinator. This was very well received and there were many parent volunteers to assist with the scheme going forward.

She then gave an overview of the Science Curriculum, mapping out what she hopes to achieve within the Science department, including a BGE STEM Club for pupils. The set-up costs for this would be £450 and it was agreed that the Parent Council would fund these set up costs.

8. Any other business.

A parent enquired whether it was possible to have a Parent Council Meeting without the Rector present? The Rector would be happy to miss a meeting if necessary or indeed leave the meeting at a set point to enable further discussion without him.

There will be an activities day on the last day of term. As in previous years, the Ice Cream van will be in attendance and the parent council were kindly asked to fund Ice Cream for each pupil on the day. This was agreed and the fee would be approximately £400.

9. Next Meeting 8th September 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams.