



Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Online Parent Council Minutes 10 Nov 2021

Present:

Parent Council Members: Neil Bennett, Helena Richards, Diane Sinclair, Morag Lamond, Katrina Reynolds, Karen Weir, Morag Glen, Claire Stewart, Jim Heron, Katie Massie, Pauline Heron.

School: Bruce Robertson, Karen Thomson

Apologies: Anna White, Wanda-Jane Field, Jane Taylor, Katie Massie, Claire Stewart

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

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

2. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke about the SBC funding cuts and discussed letter which has been sent from Parent Council Chairs to SBC. A working group has been set up with the other Chairs and a WhatsApp group going forward.

The Chair also spoke of the recent Inspection and the meeting which was held between some committee members and the Chief Inspector which was constructive and positive.

3. Treasurer's Report

The main account balance is £2,044.48

The 200 Club stands at £1,261.76. The accounts are currently with auditor.

4. Fundraising

Claire Stewart spoke positively about several fundraising ideas, these included Your Schools Got Talent, an Online Quiz, It's a Knockout, Cake Sales and a Pop-up Restaurant. The Restaurant idea could involve the pupils forming separate marketing, catering and front of house teams, with support and coaching to enable them to run this. This last idea was well received with many offers of support.

5. 200 Club

1st Prize – No 49

2nd Prize – No 17

3rd Prize – No 22

6. Rector's Report

The Rector spoke of the self evaluation exercise carried out on 27/28 October on the school and the extremely positive inspection visit carried out from 3-5 Nov 21. The inspection teams were confident of the improvements that have been made, pupils spoke positively with a pride in their school. Next years results should confirm raising of attainment and form the quality indicator.

Parents Evenings cannot yet be held within the school. The S4-6 Parent Evenings will be held on 1st and 9th of December on-line. Positive feedback was received on the recent on-line parents evenings for S1/2 parents.

The Rector confirmed that the S4-6 Tracking Reports which will be issued shortly will record a 'predicated grade' instead of a 'target grade'.

The Rector spoke of an Awards Ceremony and Karen Thomson then briefed us on the video which will be put together in-lieu of an actual Ceremony within the school. This will include an address by the Rector, some musical items, awards for best results highlighting academic success as well as recognising wider achievement. The Parent Council were asked to sponsor an award for one of the recipients. This would be £20. This was agreed.

7. Matters raised

The role of the Parent Council was briefly discussed and the wish to outline what we want to achieve. There was a constitution agreed several years ago by a previous committee. The Chair will view this along with Scottish government guidelines and use this as a starting point.

Junior members of the Student Council have been asked to speak at the next Parent Council meeting. Members were asked to think of possible questions for them and forward any suggestions to the Chair.

8. Next Meeting

1 December 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams.