



# Berwickshire High School Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting - Minutes - 01 June 2022

**Present at meeting:** Neil Bennett (Chair), Katy Master, Helena Richards, Bruce Robertson (Rector), Clare Stewart, Mo Lamond

**Apologies:** Katrina Reynolds

## 1. Election of PC Secretary

Once again, no-one present was willing to commit to the role on a long-term basis. No minutes were officially taken. As a result these minutes are abridged.

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved as correct

## 3. Chair's Report

Food in SBC schools – on-going research and discussion continue

Mental health provision – Neil informed the group that meetings were due to take place which would include representatives from Scottish Borders Council, Councillors, the High School Chairs Group, NHS specialists, as well as parents with direct experience of using these services within schools.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as at 31/05/22

- Main account: £1079.83
- 200 Club: £1726.57

No expenditure from account. Still awaiting confirmation of amount for sports tops

## 5. Fundraising and 200 Club Draw

The June 200 Clubs draw was made at the meeting. Results as follows:

### April

1st prize £37.60 – winner 45 Jane Taylor

2nd prize £9.40 – winner 64 Graeme Small

3rd prize £4.70 – winner 18 Dawn Gotterson

Clare Stewart gave a fundraising update – including the intention to have a stall at various school events including The 125 years Anniversary Celebration to sell commemorative merchandise which she has organised.

## 6. Rector's Report

### 2022-23 Improvement Plan

Mr Robertson shared the 2022-23 school Improvement Plan with us and asked for comments

### School motto

The new school motto 'Aim for Best' was discussed and the Parent Council approved.

**Staffing**

Mr Robertson took us through changes to the middle leadership structure in BHS. He then discussed current staff vacancies and the current recruitment position for each including:

- Modern Studies Teacher (full-time, permanent)
- Computing Teacher (full-time, temporary)
- English Teacher (full-time, permanent)
- two Classroom Support Assistant positions

**125th Anniversary Celebrations**

Mr Robertson took us through the details of the planned celebrations

**Careers Fair**

The recent careers fair was discussed and the views of the Parent Council sought. The general consensus that the event had improved with a good mix of local business as well as universities in attendance.

**Uniform**

Changes to the school ties were discussed as well as adding blazers to the school uniform. the PC were generally against change, particularly that of adding blazers because of, amongst other things, poverty proofing

**7. Matters Raised**

NA

**8. AOB**

Staffing in the maths department was discussed and the difficulty with recruiting for the department.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 31 August