

Parent Council Minutes

Date: 13th May 2019

Present: J. Hepburn, B. Elder, N. Uthmani, E. Oliphant, R. McKay, G. Maybury, P. Bradley, D. McArthur, M. Stewart, M. Turbun, L. Millar

Apologies: N. Winning, L. McArthur, S. McArthur

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

- Previous minutes approved by Lesley Millar & Evelyn Oliphant
- Cluster café went ahead and was well attended.
- Mental Health week will be celebrated this week
- Connic Hill walk a great success.

2. Matters Arising

No correspondence

3. Treasurers Report

Parent Council fund is currently sitting at £5127.03, however, £1950 is being held for the fishing club. Total available balance £3581. There are still funds to come in. Some of the current fund is committed to supporting the departments below.

- Parent Council covered the cost of the S6 last day celebrations.
- Waitrose has given BHS the month of June for a token collection.
- Two of our departments were looking for a visualiser. David McArthur lent one for us departments to consider which the local college uses.
- Maths are looking for large whiteboards
- French is hosting a cookery session and a French breakfast.
- PC are going to pay for wood for the drama departments.
- Looked at sound bars but not suitable
- PE looking at buying sports trophies
- Science have bought pulseometres
- Money to support mental health day

4. School Report

- Overview of the PSHE programme, Partnership working and the current review.
- Clarification of the difference between PSHE and Pastoral periods.
- Science Magic Show and Maths Challenge will take place on Monday 20th May. Main taster events following this are 11th & 12th June. We are aware that some pupils currently attending our cluster primaries have not been successful in securing a placement.
- S3 pupils finished their exams last week. They were introduced to give pupils practice of an exam timetable and exam technique. A summary of exam results will be issued with their final report in June
- SQA exams well underway. There are a couple of exams during the holiday weekend – Art & RE.
- Concerns to PC Chair from a number of parents re the number of exams and the notice. HT has responded that would not want to extend exams beyond the 2 weeks. The other issue is

the SNSAs for S3 pupils. Different type of test as is pupil led and depending on the answer the next question will be generated. We currently don't get information back to allow us to reduce the number of S3 exams. It is something we are aware of but the experience of doing the S3 exams can be beneficial.

- One parent commented how the website can be used to help with revision – the maths department materials for S1 were particularly helpful.
- S3 exams are included in the important dates at the start of the session and they have been discussed at assemblies.
- S2 not aware of any exams but they may have some classroom assessments.

6. AOCB

- Parent Council has set up a Twitter account. The account will link have a list of all the high school accounts. Twitter address is BarrheadHSPC
- Request to change the walk to a more accessible walk and to change it to a Sunday. Suggestion we could stick to the same hill but offer the option of the flat walk along the loch.
- New display of Mental Health First Aiders at the front reception.
- Summary of the Health & Wellbeing day activities.
- List of trips will be issued early next week. Staff will be asked for suggestions. The suggestions will be shared with pupils for their feedback and from this we will decide which ones are viable.
- HT discussed the cost of the school day which we do try to take into account when we are planning school trips. More time to save for school trips would be helpful.
- Return date for senior pupils is 29th May – this may be different date to other local schools. HT has asked for parents to get in touch if they have any comments.
- Changes to dates for inservice days next session. There are also 2 additional inservice days as part of the recent pay negotiations. The additional February date have been agreed for ERC in consultation with the West Partnership.
- PC sent a thank you card and a voucher for helping with the PC minutes.

7. Date of next meeting:

Monday 3rd June.