

Parent Council Minutes **Monday 4th February 2019**

Present: Jean Hepburn, Evelyn Oliphant, James Blackwood, Mairi Frame, Tracey Fullerton, Jillian Rawlings, Nikki Winning, Ross MacKay, Brian Elder, Katherine Foye, Grant Maybury, Anne McNaught, Lorraine More, David McArthur, Michele Stewart, Michelle Hyslop

Apologies: Lesley Miller, Mary Turban, David Frame, Pauline Bradley

Matters Arising

Catherine and Evelyn have approved the minutes.

Parent Council section of the school website has now been updated and there is access to previous minutes from this session.

Cluster concert TBC

Parent contacted Jean as couldn't get through to the school as the phone system was down. Jean suggested to keep trying as she thought it was the volume of calls that was affecting the system.

Dates for the award ceremonies will be confirmed after the improvement group meets on Wednesday 15th February.

Achievement leaflet will be issued to parents after the inset day.

Parking on local side roads is a bit better since the notice went out to parents encouraging parents not to park in residential areas. A member of staff from the roads department has offered to come out to survey traffic to establish if there is a need for double yellow lines.

Congratulations to Ruth Shaw and Adam Beaton for their 'likes' on twitter.

Correspondence

Email from John Shelton from roads department looking for views on traffic around schools and how it could be better managed. Jean will post dates of the meeting on Facebook.

Jean has leaflets to be issued to all pupils on Social Media –this will be issued to pupils to share with their parents.

Treasurers Report

Parent council act as a conduit for funds coming into the school – all grant money has now been spent.

Accounts to be audited at the end of the session. £1426.40

Mr Sinclair talked through the departmental bids for Parent Council funding. Decision was taken to wait until next month before deciding on successful bids.

Anne McNaught has kindly agreed to shadow Brian over the next couple of months with a view to Anne taking over the position of Treasurer next session.

School Report

Very successful Burn's Lunch. This was large event involving senior pupils but was observed by younger pupils. The event was hosted in the junior canteen due to better acoustics.

Parent meetings have been well attended - S3 turn out 78%, S4 turn out 81%, S5/6 turn out 71%.

S4 reports issued last week. We are interested in feedback from parents.

S2 reports currently being quality assured and will be issued over the next couple of weeks.

S4/5 Career Pathways event last week was well attended.

Merit Rewards are happening this week for all pupils apart from senior pupils due to prelims. Rewards for senior pupils will be given after the exams have finished.

Information on senior options shared. Booklets may accessed electronically via, SMHW, school website and Google Classroom. Paper copies can be accessed by pupils in the support base.

On Wednesday 27th March BHS is organising an enterprise event. We are looking for parents to volunteer their time to talk to our pupils.

Mrs More commented how feedback from individual teachers has been very valuable.

Date of next meeting is 4th March