

Parent Council AGM

Date: 2nd Sept 2019

Present: J. Hepburn, D. McArthur, L. Thomson, A. McNaught, Jillian Rawlings, Nikki Winning, Kathryn Foye, David Frame, E. Oliphant, L. Miller, J. Blackwood, M. Frame, B. Elder, N. Uthmani, M. Stewart, M. Hyslop, M. Turbun, G. Maybury, A. Sinclair, B. Armanji

Apologies: T. Kelly, T. Fullerton, J. Cameron, J. Grassie, S. McArthur, L. McArthur

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

Previous minutes approved by Catherine Foye & Brian Elder

3. Chair's Report

It's been a pleasure serving as Chair for the past year. I would like to say I felt it was one of the best years.

I would like to thank Mr Sinclair and his staff for involving the parent council in the life of the school.

I would like to congratulate the pupils, staff and parents for great SQA exam results this year. This is a result of the hard work from pupils, staff and parents.

The school had so many achievements and firsts last year, sports dinner, mental health week, they came first in the ERC dance competition, winning trophies etc.

I would also like to thank Brian for all his accountancy skills in keeping the accounts up to date you have been exceptional Brian.

I would like to thank Brogan for taking minutes.

I would like to thank Margaret and the office staff for their continued support of the Parent Council.

I would like to thank Ross for setting up our twitter page. We have 141 followers on twitter and 361 parents on Facebook. Parents are using this channel to communicate with us. Issues included parking in disabled bays, we managed to get the council to put signs up in disabled bays, and just generally sharing info regarding letters home, lost items etc.

The parent council have also been present at school events including parent's night, competitions, cluster café, getting our faces known and meeting parents.

We also took part in the Conic Hill sponsored walk and Rainbow Run.

Now I'd like to congratulate parents who were the winners of the quiz night for the 2nd year running. The quiz night was a brilliant night. Tickets sold out very quickly and local businesses were so generous in supporting BHS.

It was a great year for fundraising, our best total, raising £3559.30

The school has benefited greatly from the funds, we asked for a wish list from departments and most wishes were granted. laser printer, sound bars, visualizers, whiteboards, French cookery session, French breakfast, wood for drama department to make a rostra, storage boxes for learning support, pulsoximeters, trips, magazine subscription for geography dept., funds for S6's last day and many more.

Two years ago the senior management at BHS listened to the Parent Council regarding parental concerns on how celebrating success was recognised. We sent out questionnaires to pupils, parents and staff and as a result changes were made to the criteria for recognising success. This year I had no complaints from parents.

We were present at the P7 parents information night and got to speak to the parents.

Parent Council was also involved in the Recruitment and Selection process in appointing our new deputy head, congratulation Miss Bradly, we wish you every success and we thank Mr Sinclair for involving the parent council in this process.

The parents at Barrhead High are amazing, whenever I put an appeal out the response is always fantastic. Parents helped to supply food, balloons, paper plates, cups, sweets, juice, etc. for the sports dinner, uniform for the singing children from Africa, helpers for events, sensory items for behaviour support. Parents also volunteered at the rainbow run. The support has been outstanding.

The parent council worked with Raymond Weir and Carolynne McKendry to run parent support meetings, discussing topics like teenage behaviour, alcohol, exam stress. We had a visit from Danny, the campus cop.

We have welcomed some speakers to PC, Skills Development Scotland and Glasgow Kelvin College who gave us a sight into Apprenticeships, and Jasmin spoke to us about the mental health week.

Overall a very busy and successful year.

4. Treasurer's Report

Parent Council account opened with approx. £4430 at the start of the session. The closing balance stands at £3857. Some of this belongs to defined groups leaving a total of £2756.30. A copy of Treasure's Report N° 20 was issued to the Chair.

PC Chair Jean Hepburn thanked Brian for his work and contribution to the Parent Council and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the council members.

5. School Report

Thank you to the parent council for their contribution in supporting the work of the school and in particular to the leadership of Jean.

4. School Report

Mr Sinclair discussed the Standards and Quality Report (S&Q) and explained how information is collected, how it is organised and the purpose of the report.

A copy of different sections from the S&Q Draft Report was issued for feedback.

A copy of Appendix 1: Summary of SQA Exam Results issued to demonstrate the increase in attainment across the school.

Barrhead High's exam results featured in the Barrhead News and wider publications across the authority.

Letter from MP Paul Masterton congratulating the school in its exam results.

A copy of the 'Important Dates' for this session was issued.

Discussion around the SQA Awards ceremony which will take place tomorrow evening and the criteria for the awards.

Query around work experience - links for placements will be added electronically to Show My Homework for parents to access.

Request from a parent if parents could have more warning of the ceremony as too short notice.

Query on whether pupil toilets were going to be made unisex. There are no plans for this at present.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Jean Hepburn re-elected as Parent Council Chair

David McArthur elected as Parent Council Vice Chair

Anne McNaught elected as Treasurer

7. AOCB

Suggestion we consider sharing the PC Chair post between 2 people next session to share the workload.

Proposed date for the PC Quiz Friday 20th March 2019.

Dates for next PC meetings:

Monday 2nd Sept AGM

Monday 7th Oct 2019

Monday 11th Nov 2019

Monday 13th January 2020

Monday 3rd February 2020

Monday 2nd March 2020

Monday 11th May 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Additional Inservice Days

Wednesday 12th February 2020

Tuesday 26th May 2020