

Bellahouston Parent Council Minutes

Monday 29 April , 6 – 7.30

In person – Bellahouston School Classroom

Attendees: Vanessa Redmond (Chair), Sam Miller, Gerry Hogan, Kieron Redmond, Allana Kelly, Laura Piacentini, Barry Mochan (Headteacher), Suzanne Galloway (DHT), Carol Cutler (DHT)

Agenda:

1. Minutes and Actions

Minutes from previous meeting agreed. The action to set up a parent council website is outstanding. The letter to BM in respect of the toilets and staff absences was sent. GH represented the Parent Council at the S1 parent consultation evening, which had been a useful opportunity to raise awareness of the parent council.

2. Head Teacher Update

BM presented update (attached). CC updated on new house system, with each house led by a DHT. This would replace the 'year heads' and would give greater consistency of support to pupils as they move through the school. There has been some progress on toilets, with the timescale for refurbishment looking likely to move forward. It was agreed that the parent council would welcome the opportunity to feed in views.

There was discussion about the proposed GCC budget cuts and the implications for Bella. The parent council was concerned, particularly about the outlook for years 2 and 3 of the cut and it was agreed to write to local councillors about these concerns (ACTION: VANESSA – DRAFT ATTACHED)

3. Tracking and Monitoring

SG presented slides that build on the previous discussion to set out the new proposal and the rationale (attached). Feedback received suggested that the parent council welcomed the proposals for more personalised goals/feedback, and the greater tracking role that would be played through the house system moving forward.

4. Consideration of budget decisions

BM presented on the proposed approach to utilising the school's Pupil Equity Fund (attached). Members were supportive of the evidence/criteria based approach being used by the school but would be keen to see further information about the impacts of different activities (BM advised that he was hoping to be able to do this in future years).

It was agreed that there would be a further discussion on use of PEF funding at a further meeting (NB this is planned as part of our agenda on 19 Aug).

5. Planning

BM highlighted to further opportunities to engage parents, S3 parent consultation evening on 29th May and a transition event on 4th June. (ACTION ALL – LET VR KNOW IF YOU'D BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND).

It was agreed that the group would come back to planning for events for next year at the next meeting.

6. AOB

n/a

Next meeting:

Monday 10 June, 6 – 7.30

Draft agenda: Actions from previous meeting; HT report; Curricular Enrichment and Nurturing Practices (for info); Celebrating Achievement (for consultation); Planning; AOB