

## **Braidhurst Parents' Group**

### **Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**School Library, 6.30pm**

**Present:** Claire Wright (Chair), David Clark (Vice-Chair), Laura Biggart, Lynn Hogg, Lesleyann Dougan, Moira May, David Young, Carolyn Rooney, Ruth Anderson, Linda McGurk and Kirsten Scott (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Lesley Burns, Jackie Thomson, and Ruth Watson (Treasurer).

1. CW officially opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. Group approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. No matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Head Teacher's Report

CR announced that the 'Options' process is currently underway at school.

S2 have completed their subject choices for S3. S4/5 will undertake this process very soon. RA manages the options process. CR explained that each young person when choosing their subjects is given the starting point of: "what do you want to do?" The school strives to offer pupils their first choice courses.

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)

CR explained that the school will be involved in an upcoming visit from North Lanarkshire Council who will review how the school supports pupils making the transition to work or college/university i.e.: how does the school work with Skills Development Scotland, what measures do we take in school to ensure that pupils reach a positive destination after school.

Building Works Update

CR offered parent members an update on the building works. Recently there was an incident when an underground water pipe was accidentally hit by the builders which caused water issues inside the school building. This has now been temporarily fixed with a part but builders will have to return at a later date to fix the pipe permanently.

CR clarified that the builders normally work in an area of the school that is cordoned off from pupils and staff. Some pupils may have noticed/been affected by work that was undertaken around the Modern Languages corridor/foyer. This was caused by staff moving office and was unrelated to the building works.

Keir have now allocated a new site manager so we are hopeful things will continue to improve.

## Careers Event

CR stated that the school were disappointed in the low turn-out of pupils to the event. Suggested that the event runs every second year instead of every year.

DY stated that his daughter felt that nothing was on offer that matched her career aspirations but that she still received good advice from the stall holders who were in attendance.

DC felt that the event should be run every year as even if you only help 10/15 pupils that means the event is still worthwhile and valuable.

## 5. Financial Report Update – Claire Wright as Ruth Watson was unable to attend.

At present the group have total funds of: **£698.84** with a prom bid of £500 pending. No bids have been received since the last meeting.

## 6. AOB

CW raised a concern to the group regarding the finished standard of the school interiors once the building work has been completed. A photograph of the PE corridor was handed round to parents to illustrate the effect the works are having on walls and ceilings. CW proposed that the parent council email local councillors and invite them into the school to inspect the building works etc.

DC also confirmed that he had invited MSP Graham Simpson (Member for Central Scotland – Scottish Conservatives and Unionist Party) into school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am to view the building works.

CW revisited the issue of communication within the group. CW suggested that in future if a member of the parents' group failed to send their apologies to group regarding their inability to attend a meeting on two consecutive occasions they will be deleted from the email list so will therefore no longer receive minutes, agendas and information regarding upcoming meetings. This does not apply to members who send in their apologies and it will only happen after failing to send apologies two times in a row.

The group agreed that this was a necessary action.

If we wish to amend the constitution to include this new rule all parents/carers of Braidhurst pupils will have to be notified first.

LMcG stated that we need to recruit new members which is best achieved if the parents' group are visible at parent events e.g.: the P7 Parent Night on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This worked last year and resulted in some new members joining.

The group agreed that we need to approach parents whose children are newly starting Braidhurst and that we will be represented at the P7 parent's event.

**Next meeting planned for: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the school library.**

