

Parent Council Minutes

Date: 4/9/23

Present: Fiona Johnston, Nikki Winning (Chairperson), David Frame (Vice Chairperson) Katharine Foye, Lorraine More, Nuzhat Uthmani (Treasurer), Kirsty McShane, Wendy Moultrie, Michelle Stewart, Ross McKay, David Frame, Mary Turbun, Michelle Hyslop, Gill Van Looy, Rebecca Murray, Jan Mitchell Pohler, Julie Cameron, Nida Asif Mukhtar, Nicola Pennycook, Frances Rowan, Nabila Riaz, Heather Henderson

Apologies: Lorna Thomson

Notes of discussion		Action points
1. Previous minutes		
Minutes: Proposed by Kathryn Foye Salmond. Seconded by Nuzhat Uthmani.		
2. Parent Chair Report		
Connect subscription paid by school to provide support and resources for Parent Council.		
3. Treasurer report		
£170 transferred to School Fund for S6 event. Balance is £1407.47.		S6 to propose initiatives to spend fishing fund. Parent Council to authorise.
4. S6 Leadership Update		
<p>S6 leadership team were welcomed to the Parent Council and provided an update on activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering Fayre for the senior phase (S4/5/6) was well attended by providers. Learners had an opportunity to sign up for a range of activities. Freshers' Fayre for BGE learners (S1/S2/S3) will take place on Thursday. Learners have had an opportunity to share their views on clubs. PE sponsored cycle will take place on 13th October to raise funds for activities. Christmas Fayre will be open to all families this year. We will be organising entertainment and refreshments on the 19th December at our 'Winter Wonderland'. Sustainability project is at an early stage with Youth Worker and S1 learners. We are working with partners to plan changes to the outdoor areas. 		
5. Head Teacher update		
<p>Family learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to feedback last session we have organised 3 additional evenings for families to visit the school. Thank you to S1 & S2 families had the opportunity to visit the school and learn about home learning and assessment opportunities. S3/S4 families will have an opportunity to support their child with home learning and preparation for SQA exams on 14th September. A wellbeing evening will be organised for next term to invite all families to participate in activities together. 		Request to collate all home learning resources to support parents. K. McShane to create resource.

<p>Trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session we have Berlin. PE department are proposing 3 additional trips. Football game and stadium tour, Ski trip and Watersports trips. • Individual day trips will be organised again and FME families supported to participate. <p>Communication in an emergency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council reminded that all families receive the emergency closure plan for adverse weather or any situation annually. The procedures are also available on the school website. • The school will always communicate with families if there was a major incident. <p>Independent review of qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F. Johnston presented on proposed changes. • S1 will be participating in the John Muir Award, S2 have started YPI to compete for £3k for a local charity. • We are gathering evidence to take forward the STEM Nation Award. • Further opportunities will be planned and embedded in the curriculum to prepare for any changes. 	<p>Agreed to offer the football trip and ski trip for 2025.</p> <p>F. Johnston to ask staff if they would run trips to residential in Scotland to reduce costs.</p> <p>Agreed learners who have already secured places on residential trips should be placed on reserve list.</p> <p>F. Johnston will report to Parent Council on any wider community issue and actions from Police Scotland and ERC.</p> <p>F. Johnston to update on future changes.</p>
6. Vacant Offices	
<p>Parent Council members were thanked for their support to drive forward the school priorities.</p> <p>Election and Nominations confirmed for session 2023 - 2024</p> <p>Chair: Nikki Winning</p> <p>Vice Chair: David Frame</p> <p>Treasurer: Nuzhat Uthmani</p>	
7. Getting it right for families	
<p>Frances Rowan provided an update on support for Foster Carers and Kinship Carers. The aim is to set up a group to create a community in Barrhead High School for carers to get together and share experiences. This will be an opportunity to talk about support for finances, legal services, behaviour or just get to know each other by sharing our stories over a cup of tea. Families can contact via school mail.</p>	
8. AOB	
<p>Events and future workshops to be added to next meeting.</p>	