



**BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARENT COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2023**

Present: Jonathan Campbell (JC); Ian Donaghey (ID); Allison Lunan (AL); Lynn Armour (LA); Kirstie Mendham (KM); Cllr Lynda Williamson; Deb Hart (DH); Shona McCarthy (SMcC); Cllr Gordon Low; Ashwathy Rajagopal (AR); Cllr Alan Moir.

Apologies: Sam McLean (SMcL); Sheena Murray; Cllr Collette McDiarmid.

**1 WELCOME**

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 MATTERS ARISING AND NEXT STEPS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The previously circulated Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> February were agreed.

**3 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

Staffing

ID informed members that the school is in a strong position in terms of recruitment with the majority of posts already filled for the next academic year. Alan Wilson has been appointed PT Guidance and posts in Business (1 permanent, 1 temporary), Maths, FCS (temporary maternity cover), ELR and Support for Learning have been filled. Interviews are underway for Chemistry and English. The process is still to be completed for Modern Studies and a new, additional DHT post has been created. This additional post will mean there is a DHT with responsibility for each year group and this additional post will also have the remit to lead school improvement.

Parental Engagement

A workshop was held alongside this evening's S3 parents' evening to showcase the 'Achieve' software the school are rolling out to all pupils to aid with revision and independent study. ID informed members that consideration is being given to running similar sessions with other year groups and asked members if there is anything parents would like to see delivered at these sessions. Cllr Moir pointed out that many people do not have a traditional Monday to Friday 9-5 job and appreciate being able to access resources online at their convenience.

Before the Easter break parents of targeted S4/5 pupils were invited in to the school to demonstrate the wide range of online resources available for revision. An online session open to all parents was also held.

### SQA and S3-S4 Transition Exams

Supported study and Easter revision sessions were very well attended and ID commented that the attitude and work rate of attendees was excellent.

Achieve software has been shared with the pupils to help them with their revision. The resource can be personalised for subject and level. Pupils can focus on particular topics and are provided with the main teaching points, links to videos, worked examples, past paper questions etc.

S3 pupils have all had a Live-N-Learn workshop to help them with their revision for the upcoming transition exams.

### Self Evaluation and School Improvement Planning

ID informed members that stake holders will be involved in evaluating the session. Pupils will feedback via the pupil council representatives in their registration class and parents will be sent a questionnaire. ID asked about the format of the form sent last year and asked for suggestions to improve it. These included adding in options in a drop-down menu to make the form a little less daunting and to ask parents about any workshops they would like the school to hold. Comments were made on the low number of responses received last year (79). ID said the vast majority of these were extremely positive and a low number of responses tends to indicate that parents are happy. The number of questions on the form was considered appropriate.

Initial targets for the SIP have been drafted and will be developed further. These include enhancing the pupil and parent engagement program and improving the pupil voice in the school; building on interdisciplinary learning; developing common methodologies across the school to establish consistency with learning and teaching; curriculum development (greater choice in 'column 1'); empowering more staff to lead on school improvement; continuing and improving the Eco group and Fair Trade work and working to maintain Bronze Rights Respecting School and working towards Silver and Gold.

The In-Service session next Tuesday will focus on developing priorities for the next session.

## **4 AOB**

In the 2023/2024 school session it is expected there will be 240 S1 pupils. This compares with 260 for the 22/23 session and typically 220 in the past. All of these pupils live within the catchment area and no placing requests have been accepted. The school is able to accommodate this number, aided by the appointment of an additional DHT.

The 4 additional classrooms are due to be completed by the end of June and will provide high quality accommodation to allow the school to enhance the curriculum. PE, PSE, Criminology and Psychology will be based in the new classrooms.

AR commented on how well the S3 parents' evening went and remarked how impressed she was by all the teachers.

KM asked ID to pass on thanks from parents to all the teachers for the extra time they have devoted to supported study and Easter revision sessions.

ID remarked on the outstanding achievement of the pupils attending the Bar Mock Trial in London and Cllr Williamson congratulated the Young Enterprise Team on their success at the regional finals. They will now progress to the final at Hampden on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

JC closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –  
TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 AT 7.00PM**