



BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING AND AGM OF THE PARENT COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2023

Present: Allison Lunan, Jonathan Campbell, Lynn Armour, Kirstie Mendham, Cllr Gordon Low, Sam McLean, Jane McIntosh, Kenneth Lawani, Kate Ferguson, Julie Watson, Cllr Lynda Williamson, Cllr Alan Moir, Deborah Hart, Mara Campbell, Jennifer Park, Cameron Carey, Lewis McConnell, Zayan Ahmed, Joseph Inigo, Mark Campbell

Apologies: Ashwathy Rajagopal, Ian Donaghey, Melanie McKendrick, Stephanie Fowler

1 WELCOME

JC extended a warm welcome to all attending meeting and introduced Mark Campbell DHT representing ID

2 MATTERS ARISING AND NEXT STEPS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting and with minor amendment were accepted as an accurate record.

3 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Matters Arising

- Librarian Appointment

MC advised members that following successful interview on 24/10/23, with a redesigned job specification, Phillipa Smith has been appointed as the new librarian. Notice period needs to be fulfilled in current position before she is able to take up the position. School have noticed the downside to not having library access for both resource purposes and also lunchtime access. Karen Thomas had provided huge amount of support for the school in her librarian role. A clubhouse has been located within the new modular classrooms to provide an alternative base and functions fairly effectively alongside the extensive range of clubs already in place.

- School Vision, Values and Aims

This is an ongoing considered process involving input from all stakeholders, information recently provided by parents will be reviewed in due course. Emphasis on doing this well rather than quickly, however it is hoped to finish this fairly soon. JC queried how much interaction had been received from parents, this information is not known to MC.

- Fundraising

A fundraising letter has been shared with parents, School is doing fairly well, last year school was back to pre COVID levels but wants to do more and forge stronger partnerships with parents. This is an ideal opportunity to have more interaction

Attainment Support Programme

Support Programme has started again, Intensive with Staff, 4th year pupils started 23/10, 5th and 6th years will commence 6/11. School has continued to look at targeted support study, out of every 20 pupils 5 or 6 need it. Universal support is available, there is flexibility as to who takes part and it ensures that those who need it, get it. Early signs are very positive and comprehensive.

Christmas Fayre

Jen Park –(Drama teacher) addressed members concerning the upcoming ‘Walking in a Bishy Wonderland’, the reintroduction of a Christmas Fayre at BA, within the Assembly Hall on 30th November 7pm – 10pm involving staff, pupils and stalls, £1.00 entry. School is aiming for a community event, looking for members support in cascading information in the community. Donations are sought for the Tombola, SM requested poster be electronically forwarded for dispersal to all members.

Young Enterprise Team 23/24

Cameron Carey introduced the Young Enterprise Team, with 11 members in total, they create and market their own product, operating as a business. A presentation followed by some of the team showcasing their innovative idea for this year. Crafted Art with a Tartan Heart – Scottish themed cards. Members shared suitable contact details for networking with the team.

4 AOCB

Library

DH clarified with MC that the Library remains closed until the new librarian is in position, following the service of notice. Expressed thanks for the clubs in place.

SHINE presentation

LA expressed thanks for the SHINE presentation and queried whether it was going to be shared. MC confirmed that it has already been shared, every year group has slightly different issues apparent. It is responding to direct issues that are quite difficult to talk about. Logging on appeared to be an issue for three of the members. MC advised members that going forwards Inclusion Captains are talking about reality of life at school, Mental Health Ambassadors are in place and school wants to keep it fairly prominent, also looking at different ways to support pupils. During PSE police attend to speak about social media, S2 spoken to concerning time spent on social media, this can lead to isolation and depression, there is a direct correlation in the massive rise of use of smart phones and mental health issues. LA expressed how difficult a teachers job is, MC detailed the issues teachers faced, the necessity of spending time with YP in order to establish exactly what is going on, with due consideration to sometimes complex backgrounds, accompanied with a long wait for CAMHS, whilst maintaining function of school.

School Calendar

Location on school website has changed – member has now found it.

RAAC

Link regarding RAAC report for educational establishments within ED had been forwarded to members prior to meeting. Cllr Low also clarified position to members satisfaction.

5 AGM

JC asked if anyone wished to take on position of Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk or if those in post were happy to stay on. No alternative nominations were advised and JC, AL and SMcL are happy to remain as Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk. These were proposed and seconded as follows;

JC – Proposed SM, seconded KM

AL - Proposed JC, seconded DH

SMcL – Proposed LA, seconded JC

SMcL advised members of historical LA request for PC members full details, provision of which had been denied and queried by SMcL as it is believed to be in breach of GDPR legislation, without relevant permission from individuals. No update has been received from the LA and members names only will be provided as these are a matter of public record from minutes. SMcL will keep members updated if any information is received.

JC thanked all for their attendance.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – Conference Room