



BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Gordon Mouldsdale, Head Teacher (GM); David Williams, Chair (DW); Linda Bowers (LB); Jonathan Campbell (JC); Alison Keith (AK); Allison Lunan (AL); Jane McGrory (JM); Louise Oudega (LO); Brigitte Schillmeier (BS); Natalie Storey (NS); Karen Thomas (KT); Cllr Gordan Low (GL); Joanne Lynas, Clerk (JL)

Ian Donaghey, Depute Head Teacher

Apologies: Robert Johnston (RJ); Marion McAlister (MM); Andrea MacDonald (AM); Angela McDonald (AMc); Sheena Murray (SM); David Phillips (DP); Carol Robertson (CR); Cllr Alan Brown (AB); Cllr Mohrag Fischer (MF); Cllr Alan Moir (AMo); Cllr Gary Pews (GP);

1 WELCOME

DW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of 28 August 2018 were approved electronically before the meeting. There were no matters arising.

3 PARENT CONSULTATION

Ian Donaghey, DHT, updated the council with regard to the School Improvement Plan and the role of stakeholders. One target in particular was highlighted, that of parental engagement. In order to facilitate this, electronic questionnaires which focus on one of 5 Improvement Plan priorities, will be issued to parents. These questionnaires will be accessed through Microsoft forms via a link in an e-mail. Where electronic communication is not possible, paper copies will be sent out. Questionnaires will be discussed in advance with Parent Council members and feedback obtained will be shared.

4 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Goethe Partnership 10-year Anniversary Celebrations - This year saw the 10th Anniversary of Bishopbriggs Academy's partnership with the Goethe Institut. To mark the anniversary a celebration event was held prior to the October break. The partnership has operated very successfully over the past 10 years and it is hoped it will continue for many years to come.

Halloween Disco - This event was held on 1 November and was very well supported by pupils across the year groups. Senior pupils ran a ghost tour as part of the evening which contributed to the event's success.

Armistice Day Parades - As Bishopbriggs Academy has links with Legion Scotland a number of pupils will attend the parade and service being held in Milngavie, prior to returning to Bishopbriggs for its Armistice Day Parade.

'Vision Schools' Award Ceremony - GM reported that Bishopbriggs Academy is the first school to achieve 2nd Level Vision Schools status. GM, teachers, Jillian McGee and Sarah McLaren from the History department and 4 pupils will be present at the awards ceremony which will be held at the Scottish Parliament.

S5/6 Parents' Evening - Monday 19 November 2018 - Pre-prelims have been completed and the results collated and analysed. These results will form the focus of conversations at the upcoming Parents' Evening.

Supported Study - Bishopbriggs Academy offers S4-6 pupils 2 diets of supported study in preparation for Prelims and SQA exams. The first diet is well-underway for S4 pupils with sessions starting for S5/6 on 12 November 2018.

Business Breakfast - Saturday 24 November 2018 - This will be the third Business Breakfast hosted by Bishopbriggs Academy. This provides an opportunity for local employers, colleges and parents to come together to discuss career pathways for pupils. This promises to be another very successful event.

December Events

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch - This will take place on Thursday 6 December 2018.

Sense Scotland Christmas Concert - Monday 3 December 2018 - It was highlighted that this event clashes with East Dunbartonshire Christmas Concert however, attendance is anticipated at both.

Ceilidhs - Four ceilidhs will be held in the run up to Christmas. The PE department is already coaching Primary school pupils to ensure an enjoyable event on Wednesday 12 December. The S1/S2 ceilidh will be held on Thursday 13 December, S3/S4 ceilidh on Monday 17 December and S5/6 ceilidh on Tuesday 18 December.

Christmas Concert - This will be held on Wednesday 19 December 2018. Tickets for this event will go on sale during the last week of November.

Talent Show - This will be held on Friday 20 December. It will run twice to enable all year groups to attend.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that Bishopbriggs Academy was once again putting on a school show. GM welcomed this very positive addition to the school calendar whilst highlighting the huge commitment and work effort required by both staff and pupils to put on such an event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM