

AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting Title: Parent Council

Venue: Bishopbriggs Academy

Date: TUESDAY 27th August 2019

Time: 7.00pm - 8:30pm

Attendees: Gordon Mouldsdales, David Williams, Brigitte Schillmeier, Alison Lunan, Marion McAlister, Karen Thomas, Jonathan Campbell, Ian Donaghey, Carol Robertson, Cllr Gary Pews, Fiona Saunders, Jane McGrory, Robert Johnston, Cllr Gordon Low, Louise Oudega, Sheena Murray



Apologies: Natalie Storey

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION & AGREEMENTS	FUTURE ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Review previous minutes			
PARENT CONSULTATION – I. DONAGHEY	<p>ID discussed the improvement plan with all members present with a focus around the proposal of the planned meetings ahead with all parents of pupils within the School.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the information meetings coming up. ID keen to get feedback from PC members who were in attendance at the previous information evenings held. This feedback is valuable in preparing for future information evenings.</p> <p>RJ asked about positive destinations event. The information given at these meetings is now covered in other parent Information Evenings.</p> <p>Parents requested earlier UCAS information evening meetings to make sure best information on applying is given. Evaluations ensure tailored evenings. CR commented on the DYW Business Breakfast event which was really good. It covered a wide variety and was very useful; good variety of careers and options covered.</p> <p>On the 16th September S5 Parents Information Evening takes a new format. This year will be more workshop based. FS commented on format being good, particularly the information taken home. Feedback received from parents was for the event to be earlier in the session.</p> <p>KT highlighted all presentations from the information evenings would be published on the School website. DW asked if pupils know about the UCAS form. ID commented Open days now held at weekends, S6 are in PSE</p>	Provide feedback to ID on information evenings	All PC parent members

	<p>classes one period a week and will go through the UCAS process. Lots of variety on UCAS site. FS asked if there is merit to S5 getting exposed to this process. S5s go through workshops and receive literature on the process and are encouraged to carry out their own personal research. ID made it clear to 5th year pupils about the process and they can attend the information evenings</p> <p>where there will be lots of speakers on hand to demonstrate the different career paths. DYW newsletter going out to senior pupils. CR queried about available work experience for S4s and when does that take place? ID clarified that this is no longer mandatory for schools to carry out, feedback requested from pupils demonstrated that they often felt no real value in the week's experience. ID did comment on that fact that if pupils request it under specific roles then still can be arranged.</p> <p>Process still in place to cater for the work experience around health and safety assessments which are always required. To summarise ID asked if parents would share their comments around S5 information evenings, GM added all feedback via email acceptable as well as during the meeting.</p>		
<p>HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT</p>	<p>Turnover of staff - 15 new appointments. 7 Newly Qualified Teachers. Almost all departments have new members of staff. New Principal Teacher for Home Economics starting.</p> <p>A number of S6 pupils have been elected as prefects. In the first instance, S6 pupils are asked to express an interest in becoming a prefect and a list is compiled of all those who do so. That list then goes to staff who are asked to vote for those pupils they think would be suited to the role. Some staff vote for a small number whereas vote for many; there is no limit on how many each member of staff can vote for. When all the votes are in, those with a certain number of votes will be chosen as prefects assuming they meet a list of criteria such as attendance, timekeeping and pupil involvement. Any pupil who has put themselves forward but has either not managed to acquire enough or has fallen short in any of the afore-mentioned criteria will be 'on review' until the September weekend. Those pupils will be asked to get involved in more in-school events and</p>		

address, where appropriate, issues such as poor timekeeping etc.
In previous years, some of those pupils are invited to join the prefect body in September

Up and coming Activities include charity events.
West Highland Way about to come up on Saturday 14th September, all monies raised will go to School funds - all pupils from all years are invited to get involved in this great full day out and will include new staff members.
Trip to Poland trip 4th year led by Sarah McLaren and Jillian McGee where pupils will visit Holocaust experience.

Exam results summary for 18/19 -
S4 - 76% of pupils attained 5 or more A-C passes in their National 5 exams. This is considerably higher than last year and our second best ever figure. Furthermore, 55% of pupils attained A-C passes in all seven subjects and this is our best ever figure. GM confident in S5 doing their 5 strongest subjects. Advice given always very positive - 55% (117) pupils with Nat 5 A-C passes in every subject. 18% straight A's - 38 pupils.

S4 highlights - Accounting, Admin, Art and Design, Biology, Business Man, Design Technology subjects, Perf Arts, English, Fashion and Textiles, Gàidhlig, German, History, Maths, Mod Studs, PE, Physics, and RMPS.
History in particular had fantastic results. Performing Arts, as ever, did exceptionally well with all 37 pupils who were presented in Drama attaining an A pass. The National 5 English results were again very strong and the percentage of S4 pupils attaining an A-C in National 5 Maths was the highest it has ever been.

S5 highlights - 88 pupils attained A-C passes in five or more highers. This represented 42% which is slightly down on last year but still our joint third best ever figure

S6 highlights - The percentage of S6 pupils attaining 1 or more Advanced Highers was down slightly from last year but more pupils than ever before passed three Advanced Highers. 47% of S6 pupils passed 3 or more Highers and 21% passed 4 or more.

	Both these percentages were by some distance the highest in East Dunbartonshire.		
AOB	<p>GP asked if fire alarm earlier that day, GM said it was a test.</p> <p>Duty bound at the start of term.</p> <p>LO queried if communications still came from East Dunbartonshire Education Committee meetings, and dates and venue for these meetings, DW would check back for communications and come back to LO.</p>	Provide information on further parent forum meetings within Scotland and East Dunbartonshire	DW to email LO
Date of next meetings	TUESDAY 5th November 2019 *Start time of 6.30pm, to enable AGM to begin at 7.00pm		