

## AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting Title: Annual General Meeting Parent Council & Parent Council Meeting

Venue: Bishopbriggs Academy

Date: TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Attendees:** Gordon Mouldsdale (GM), David Williams(DW), Alison Lunan(AL), Natalie Storey(NS), Cllr Gary Pews (GP), Louise Oudega (LO), Karen Thomas (KT),

Jonathan Campbell (JC), Fiona Saunders (FS)

**Apologies:** Robert Johnston (RJ), Carol Robertson (CR), Marion McAlister (MM), Cllr Gordon Low (GL), Cllr Alan Moir (AM)



AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION & AGREEMENTS	FUTURE ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
WELCOME	DW thanked everyone for their attendance at the AGM.		
PARENT COUNCIL REPORT 2018-2019	<p>DW gave an account of the work of the Parent Council for session 2018-19.</p> <p>This report summarises the activities of the Parent Council (PC) during the year.</p> <p><b>Items Discussed</b></p> <p>At the first meeting of the year, Stephen Reynolds-Cowie from Logo Express provided the parent council with an update on uniform provision and distribution. Donald Macdonald, Cycling Officer, Sustrans attended the meeting in June to discuss the submission of a joint funding application aimed at improving walking and cycling to school.</p> <p>In addition to the regular Head Teacher's reports, the PC received presentations from teaching staff. These included an update by Iain Ross (DHT) on the EDC's Additional Support Needs consultation and several updates from Ian Donaghey (DHT) on the parental consultation surveys.</p> <p><b>Parent Council Award</b></p> <p>Orla McCarthy and Jamie MacLeod, who set up and run a Shinty Club in school, were selected as the recipients of this year's Parent Council Award.</p> <p><b>2018 Exam Results</b></p> <p>At the first meeting after the summer break, the Head Teacher's report included a detailed summary of the S4, S5 and S6 exam results for 2018, highlighting another very successful year for pupil exam performance.</p> <p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The council provides the Parent Council with a small budget</p>		

	<p>for clerk fees, administration and travel and subsistence costs. In the last financial year, the total budget was £941. However, no Clerk fees or expenses were claimed during this period.</p> <p><b>Parent Council Changes</b></p> <p>Joanne Lynas was appointed as Clerk at the beginning of the session, though in her absence, Karen Thomas kindly fulfilled this role. At the meeting in June, Louise Oudega offered to take on the post and was duly appointed.</p> <p>After several years serving on the Parent Council, David Phillips attended his final meeting, Jonathan Campbell was appointed the new Vice-Chair.</p> <p><b>Thanks</b></p> <p>Many thanks to Parent Council members, the Head Teacher, other staff and to local Councillors for their regular attendance at meetings.</p>		
<p><b>HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT</b></p>	<p>GM provided an overview of the up and coming events and achievements occurring over the next few months: –</p> <p>International Education Awards – more details found here – <a href="http://www.bishopbriggs.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/news/achievements/">http://www.bishopbriggs.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/news/achievements/</a> This is the second time the School has be awarded with this prestigious prize.</p> <p>Bishopbriggs Academy is the first secondary school in Scotland to gain a Gold Scottish Languages Employability Award</p> <p>Halloween Disco, this event was very well supported by pupils across the year groups. Senior pupils ran a haunted house as part of the evening which contributed to the events success.</p> <p>Armistice Day Parades, As Bishopbriggs Academy has links with the Legion in Scotland a number of pupils will attend the parade and service being held.</p> <p>Upcoming events –  Business Breakfast  Senior Citizens' xmas lunch  4 ceillidhs organised</p> <p>School Admissions Policy – GM introduced a presentation and discussion on the Consultation Process for the proposed new</p>		

EDC Admissions Policy. He began by explaining that, for a number of reasons, EDC felt there was a pressing need to review and update the policy. One of those reasons was the situation here at Bishopbriggs Academy.

GM explained that the notional intake number for new S1 pupils had been 210 since the inception of the school in 2006. In almost every year, that 210 has been made up of approximately 160 pupils each of whom attended one of the four associated primaries (and were therefore legally entitled to a place at BA) and around 50 pupils who acquired a place here through a successful placing request. In each year, the vast majority of this latter group have had older siblings already at Bishopbriggs Academy and many attended one of the associated primaries even though they were not resident in Bishopbriggs.

Around February 2019, it became apparent that that year's figures were significantly different. Firstly, there were 185 P7 pupils across the four primaries who lived in Bishopbriggs and, in each case, the parent(s) had indicated that the child would be coming to BA. In addition to this, there were 12 P7 pupils whose families had recently moved into the catchment area from various parts of Glasgow. All of these families had decided to leave their children in their respective Glasgow primary but all had clearly stated that they wished to exercise their right for their child to come here in August 2019 for S1.

In addition to this, a number of parents of P7 pupils at either St Helen's or St Matthew's had stated they wished their child to come here for S1. Again, because they were resident in Bishopbriggs, this was their legal right.

The impact of all of this was that the figure for our proposed intake was clearly going to be in excess of 210. GM explained that, although 210 was the notional cap, a more meaningful figure was actually 220. This is down to the maximum 'practical class' size being 20. Consequently, whether our intake was 201, 210 or 220, we still required 11 practical classes. So, as GM explained, the school could 'cope' with an intake of 220 and this session's new S1 is indeed made up of 220 all of whom live in the catchment area.

	<p>GM then spoke about the Consultation Process itself.</p> <p>DW asked how the authority calculate based on future housing developments.</p> <p>Public meeting is to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.</p>		
<b>AOB</b>	<p>NS queried what happened to the S6 year books for pupils who left 17/18 as they didn't receive them.</p>	GM will check status of yearbooks	GM
Date of next meetings	<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7PM</b>		