Bannockburn High School

Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 7th November 2023

**Present:**

Ed Toner, Linda Gillespie, Catriona Jack, Laura Conroy, Emma Lindsay, Karine Newlands, Johnny McFarlane, Mr Boyce and Mrs Karen Hook

* 1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Ed Toner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Jane Fletcher, Linda Dawson, Elaine Lewis and Mr Somerville

* 1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minor amendments were made to the last Parent Council minutes and will be re- circulated to the group.

The minutes of the last AGM were circulated to the group.

* 1. **Chairperson’s Report**

With a return to near normal after the pandemic the school has faced many challenges this year. We have had young people who have had to adapt to in- person schooling as well as a return to traditional exams. This combined with disruption from industrial action added to the difficulties faced by staff and young people at the school.

It is to the credit of the staff and young people of the school how they have managed and progressed in challenging times.

Challenges remain in staffing particularly for foreign languages which is a national issue.

The session has seen good progress on SQA results with increased qualifications in most areas. This is a credit to the staff and young people. More importantly the positive number of young people going to positive destinations has remained at a high level.

This year also saw the sad passing of Mr Timmons. Many of us knew Mr Timmons from either his teaching or his involvement with the school shows. He will be sadly missed, and the tribute paid at the recent prize giving was deeply moving.

Looking ahead we see the new ASN provision which is provided within the school until the much-delayed new building is completed. While there were difficulties at the start it is a good to see progress has been made on integrating and managing with the interim arrangements.

I would personally like to thank the members of the parent council for their active involvement in the meetings as well as visiting primary schools as part of transition and promoting a positive message for the parent council.

* 1. **Finance Report**

The detail of the current Finance Report was not available but similar to last year. Mrs Hook will circulate a copy of the report.

* 1. **Election of Office Bearers**

The following were proposed and seconded by members

* 1. Chairperson - Emma Lindsay
  2. Vice Chairman - Jane Fletcher
  3. Secretary - Linda Gillespie
  4. **Confirmation of members of the Parent Council, including new members**

New list of members will be updated to the school website.

* 1. **Head Teacher Report**

Mrs Shepherd has been appointed to the Senior Leadership Team to provide additional support due to Mr Boyce currently providing more support to Bluebell House. The Senior Leadership are now all based in the same office.

Improvement priorities have been shared and include: Learning & Teaching, Inclusion, Raising attainment, Curriculum, Values & Ethos.

In Bluebell House, moving forward there will be 2 classes called Oak and Rowan. Current pupils are all settling in now and seeing some real strengths in learning and progression. There are consistent supply teachers supporting this area. The plan for the new build is still on for groundworks to commence in January 2024.

Work is due to start on 8/1/24 to replace the astro pitch and should take 4 weeks to complete.

The school are focusing on attendance/lateness just now. The warning bell is now being used and further information regarding this will be sent out.

The toilets in the school have been a challenge over the last couple of weeks regarding pupils congregating there, eating their lunch and some vandalism. The number of toilets available during class times have been reduced to monitor the situation and the Senior Leadership Team are carrying out spot checks. The pupils are asked to complete a Google form to report any issues.

Mrs Hook shared some comparison prices from various school uniform suppliers. It was suggested to have some pre-loved uniforms available to try on at the information evenings.

The visits to the Primary Schools went well and received some positive feedback. It was noted that the event did not seem to be well promoted at Bannockburn Primary School. This will be raised again with all the Primary Schools.

* 1. **AOCB**

Volunteers are required for the upcoming Winter Fayre. Details have been shared on the Facebook page.

The Halloween disco was very successful. Other fundraisers were Pink Day to support Breast Cancer. Children in Need will be coming up next week.

The tribute for Mr Timmons will be shown to the wider school in the near future.

* 1. **Date and time of next meeting**

The Next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 6.30pm

The next AGM will take place on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 6.30pm