

**Bannockburn High School Parent Council AGM**

**Minutes: Tuesday 8 October 2024, 6.30pm**

**Attendees:** Emma Lindsay (Chair), Jane Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Karen Hook (Head Teacher), Chris Somerville, Graham Boyce, Holly Todd

**Apologies:** Catriona Jack, Linda Dawson, Aileen Brown, Alison McInnes, Karine Newlands

1. **Welcome and Apologies**EL welcomed everyone and noted apologies.
2. **Minutes of last AGM Meeting**Minutes were approved.
3. **Chairperson Report**EL provided a brief report to the group covering the key activities from the last year.

EL noted a number of new staff members were welcomed to the school over the year.

Bluebell House was a regular point of discussion with the school providing regular updates on the project.

The PC were given a presentation on MCR pathways mentoring which they found very informative and interesting.

The SFA funded a new astro pitch at the school and for the first time a girl’s School of Football was launched.

S1 intake numbers increased for 2024/25 academic year.

The PC were able to support the school by purchasing several Chromebooks.

EL attended the YPI final in the school and helped to judge the entries. The quality was very high, and it was a difficult decision.
EL is excited to continue working with the school over the next academic year.

EL thanked Linda Gillespie for her time and contribution as secretary and noted that she will be missed.

1. **Finance Report**KH did not have the finance report available but would share with the group at a later date.
2. **Election of Office Bearers**Emma Lindsay will continue as Chair.
Jane Fletcher will continue as Vice-Chair.
Alison McInnes was nominated as Secretary.
3. **Confirmation of members of the Parent Council**
4. **Head Teacher Report**School improvement priorities will remain the same as last year. These will be sent out to parents and discussed with young people in the school. Faculty Focus Weeks include validated self-valuation and a review by the senior leadership team.

Belonging to Bannockburn P5-7 events have received positive feedback. The school saw a high number of young people enrolling from Braehead Primary due to the enhanced transition.

The Annual Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday 10 October at the Albert Halls. Stephen Kingsley, a former pupil of the school, will be the guest speaker and young people from Bluebell House will take part in the ceremony for the first time. 12 young people will receive the Robertson Award for overcoming adversity. The “New Scots” are all refugee and asylum seekers who joined the school.

There has been no update from Stirling Council on the building of Bluebell House. The school have made clear to the council that there are no more mitigation spaces within the school if the building is not ready for the next intake. Bluebell House will have a total capacity of 48.

Audrey Ross from the Canmore Trust will be holding sessions in the school on suicide prevention for S4 -S6. This is in response to increasing statistics among young people.

The school are continuing to focus on attendance and reported that attendance is up 1%.

Uniform levels have been excellent. KH shared samples of proposed jumpers and cardigans that will be available for young people with sensory issues. These will be an addition to the school uniform and not a replacement for the current jumpers.

The local authority budget will have an impact on schools. The council must make savings of £2.4 million. Staff numbers are likely to be reviewed.
**ACTION:** Budgets to become a standing item on the agenda.

The School of Football is currently funded by the school. KH asked whether the PC would be supportive of the school asking parents to contribute towards the cost of new strips. This would be a “pay what you can” option. Everyone agreed this would be a good option.

1. **AOCB**
EL attended the PC Network meeting where mobile phone policies were discussed. One school has implemented an ICT misuse policy. If a student is seen with their phone in class, a letter is sent home. If a student needs to use their phone, they are required to visit the office, provide a reason and have parental authority.

EL suggested signing the school up for Easy Fundraising. A percentage is earned each time someone uses the link to shop online. Funds are then paid straight to the school’s bank account.

ACTION: KH will send bank details to EL

The parent council page on the school website is out-of-date and requires an update to members.

GB reported that the school are measuring wellbeing of the young people. SHANARRI word of the month is being discussed during assemblies.

Replacement of gym equipment was discussed. HT is liaising with a potential supplier. Alternative fundraising options were discussed to raise funds to pay for part or all of the replacement equipment.

1. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 26 November, 6.30pm