Bannockburn High School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2024

**Present:**

Emma Lindsay, Linda Gillespie, Catriona Jack, Jane Fletcher, Elaine Lewis, Mr Graham Boyce and Mrs Karen Hook

**Apologies**: Laura Conroy, Ed Toner, Linda Dawson and Karine Newlands

**Head Teacher Update**

The new S6 council will attend the first meeting back in August.

Construction has now started for Bluebell House. The school have been really impressed with the builders approach to health & safety. There is a catch up meeting every week and arrangements will be made for small groups to visit the site in due course.

The group were given a presentation detailing the plans. Phase 1 will comprise of 4 classrooms and is due to be completed by 21/4/25.

The Senior prom took place last week and all went well. The pupils were a credit to their families.

Work is ongoing regarding improving attendance and there has been a slight increase for the whole school. An ethos survey will be sent out regarding attendance.

There has been a small dip regarding pupils wearing uniform but has improved recently.

It was noted that the PE hoodies are being used out-with and not just for PE. This will be reiterated to the pupils and spot checks will take place next term. Also, it was highlighted at a recent track and field event the school were not wearing the school PE top. This will be fed back to the PE department.

A presentation took place regarding the refresh of the school values.

Themes for the School Improvement Programme include raising attainment, inclusion, curriculum BGE focus and further developing values and ethos.

Volunteers from the Parent Council are required for the P7 Parents’ Information sharing evening on Thursday.

At the parent council network meeting it was mentioned about a petition to Westminster regarding use of mobile phones in school. We have asked for a copy of Balfron High School’s presentation which includes extensive research into mobile phone use.

The school are currently in discussion regarding new S1 pupils handing in phones/putting on silent until the end of the lesson.

It was mentioned about S6 pupils having to go to other schools for certain subjects along with lack of S6 graduation/leaving events. This will be looked into.

**AOCB**

It was noted that the shop in Hillpark is promoting vaping.

Details for excursions for next session will be sent out soon.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 6.30pm