Bannockburn High School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

 **Present:**

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

 **Apologies**: Laura Conroy, Ed Toner, Linda Dawson

**In attendance:** Ramsey Snedden and Jamie Lindsay

**Actions form previous minutes**

Mrs Hook spoke to the Catering Team regarding lactose free menu; they advised it can be restrictive as there are not many options, but they will offer what they can.

**Head Teacher Update**

The pupil reps are running a few initiatives just now, with one being mentors for pupils. Both Ramsay and Jamie explained this. The mentors help the pupils feel safe whilst raising awareness of different types of violence via assemblies with each year group.

Mrs Weir, Principal Teacher has returned from MAT leave. She will cover Monday to Thursday and Mr Oxburgh will cover on a Friday.

Miss Piggott, Business Teacher has been newly appointed.

Mr Borland has been successful in the Physics Teacher post.

A Principal Teacher for Bluebell House will start in June.

New English teacher still to be appointed.

There is currently no Home Economics Teacher but this subject is being supported by the College and is working very well.

Security and accessibility has been looked at with new signage being put up at the front of the school. A new sign-in system has been delivered and is waiting to be installed. This comprises a kiosk in the front foyer and there will be sign-in points for pupils. The system will also print badges for visitors.

SQA exams started this week. Pupils are to avoid the bottom corridor whilst the exams are taking place to reduce noise levels.

The Strathcarron Hospice fun run will be rearranged.

Two counsellors visited the school to hear about the Active Travel Hub and the impact on the Forth Environment Link. There will be a press release out soon regarding this.

There was a short presentation about the values of the school with a view to them being refreshed. Pupils to be involved.

**Bluebell House**

All teacher posts have now been filled with the Principal Teacher due to start before the summer holidays. A SLA post is live with interviews next Tuesday. By August, the provision should be fully staffed.

The transition has now started. Parents and pupils to visit the school with regular visits next term.

It is planned that the new build will commence towards the end of the exams and is on track to be finished by April 2025.

**Housing Development**

The Education Department visited to discuss the impact of the new housing development; school likely to breach capacity in the next 3-4 years.

**Parent Council Network**

A message was received via the Facebook page from the Parent Council Chair of Dunblane High School with a view to setting up an informal networking group with Stirling Council School Parent Council Chairs.

A general discussion took place regarding mobile phone use in the school as Dunblane HS are looking to review their Policy.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 6.30pm