Bannockburn High School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th February 2024

 **Present:**

Emma Lindsay, Linda Gillespie, Catriona Jack, Jane Fletcher, Elaine, Lewis, Linda Dawson, Caroline Moore, Mr Chris Somerville and Mrs Karen Hook

 **Apologies**: Laura Conroy, Ed Toner, Karine Newlands

**Head Teacher Update**

Mrs Hook thanked the Parent Council for the funds to enable the school to purchase more Chromebooks.

Caroline Moore, Health & Wellbeing Support Officer, explained the MCR Pathways programme. This is a school based mentoring programme to support young people. A small proportion of the pupil equity funding is invested in this.

The school, along with Braehead Primary School, are organising a charity fun run to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice. This will take place on Wednesday 27th March 2024. Volunteers are required to help on the night with serving Teas & coffees.

There was a hybrid approach to the mock exams this year with pupils able to study at home or in school. There are various masterclasses available for pupils to attend in the run up to the exams.

There has been an increase in focus on the toilet areas as there has been a spate of vandalism which has much improved now. It is easier to manage if only 1 or 2 sets of toilets are open during class times.

There has been a test of change commenced with regards to mobile phones. Pupils are now to hand in their phone to the teacher at the beginning of class.

The new astro turf will be finished in early March. There are also new goals with nets. There are discussions regarding how to keep the nets in good condition and prevent damage.

There will be 11 new pupils with refugee status from Afghanistan starting. There will be lessons with the current pupils to make them aware of diversity.

There has been a focus on attendance and lateness recently. The tracking has been better and there is more communication with parents.

**Bluebell House**

The trees on the site have now been removed but due to inflation there is now a budget gap for phase 1. A decision around this will be made on Thursday.

The 2nd intake is due in August and will need to ensure the current space is fit for purpose.

Build is due to be completed by April 2025 if approved.

The provision continues to present challenges to the school with assessments, high risk areas and incidents being looked at with Service Managers.

**Housing Development**

There will be funding for a Secondary School which could be a new build or extension to Bannockburn High School and plans for 3 Primary Schools. There is a meeting with Education Scotland this week to discuss.

**Modern Languages**

Concern was raised regarding the lack of Language Teachers. The school are doing all they can to support and retain staff.

**AOCB**

Mrs Hook advised of a recent data breach. A sheet of paper with pupil details on it blew away in the wind whilst on a school trip. All concerned have been advised of this breach. The procedure has been revised and this information will be held electronically from now on. The case is now closed.

It was noted that there are not many options on the Lactose free menu. Mrs Hook will raise this with the catering link.

The Community Voice group CRAG invited Emma Lindsay to the Tuesday meal night. Mrs Hook will also attend this. The Plean voice also have a community meal night so it would be good to attend as well to get the voices of the parents.

Style Options offer free hire of formal wear in the Stirling area. They will hand in a poster and this will be shared with S6.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 6.30pm