Bannockburn High School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

 **Present:**

Emma Lindsay, Linda Gillespie, Catriona Jack, Jane Fletcher, Linda Dawson, Elaine Lewis, Alison McInnes, Aileen Brown, Holly Todd, Alison Fyfe, Mr Chris Somerville, Mr Graham Boyce and Mrs Karen Hook

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

**Head Teacher Update**

New parents were welcomed to the group.

Mr Somerville provided an overview regarding the results of the SQA exams and will provide more detail at the next meeting.

There were 2 S4 pupils who achieved 8 A passes, 10 who achieved 8 National 5s and 5 who achieved 5 Nat 5s. There was one pupil who achieved A passes for 5 Highers.

It was noted that a level 6 Maths Applications course will be introduced and Maths Applications would be introduced into BGE for S1-S3.

Attendance has increased by 2% in an average year which is a significant improvement and will continue to be a focus especially prior to holiday periods.

Bluebell House now has 3 classes and the new Principal Teacher is in post. The provision is now nearly fully staffed.

Work is progressing on the Bluebell House building with a focus on drainage and foundations at the moment.

The new pupils of the ASN provision are settling in very well, especially the new S1 pupils and already some are attending mainstream classes.

A document detailing the residential trips on offer for this year was tabled for comments and will be sent out to parents in due course. In addition to this there will still be a number of day trips on offer. There will be funding available from the pupil equity fund for certain pupils.

It was also suggested to do some fundraising to help with the cost of trips. Payment plans are also an option.

The recent Freshers Fayre was a success with pupils signing up to at least one club. Football at lunch time is the most popular.

The school thanked the parents for their support regarding the new mobile phone policy for S1 pupils which is going very well so far.

Uniform standards have improved but this will remain a focus for the school.

Improvement priorities will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

The school are looking for volunteers from the Parent Council to attend a Belonging to Bannockburn event on 12th September for P 5 – 7 pupils and parents/carers.

The school also requires some volunteers to attend the P7 information evenings at 6pm. Dates are:

*Bannockburn/Braehead and Borestone Primaries to be held in Bannockburn High* school *on 16th September 2024*

*Cowie Primary – 23rd September 2024*

*East Plean Primary– 30th September 2024*

It was noted that some of the PE equipment was not up to standard and this will be raised with the PE department. It was also suggested to perhaps do some fundraising to purchase new equipment.

The school would also like to refresh the equipment in the fitness suite and it was suggested to reach out to local fitness companies. Holly Todd agreed to do this. It was also suggested to reach out to the new house builders in the area to invest in community education.

It was suggested to have 2 face to face Parents’ Evenings for those pupils who are sitting exams.

Volunteers were asked for to assist the S6 leadership team with the Winter Fayre event.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 6.30pm – AGM and Parent Council Meeting