Bannockburn High School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Present:**

Ed Toner, Linda Gillespie, Catriona Jack, Jane Fletcher, Elaine, Lewis, Emma Lindsay, Fiona Mc Farlane, Karine Newlands, Linda Dawson, Eilidh Jack, Jonny McFarlane, Mr Boyce, Mr Somerville and Mrs Karen Hook

**Apologies**: Laura Conroy

Previous minutes were accepted as correct with the following amendment:

Autism Provision Unit – There has been a procurement issue and reduction in funding.

Email regarding the Focus Group still to be sent

New members Linda Dawson and Karine Newlands were welcomed to the group. They will be added to the Parent Council chat group on What’s App.

S6 Head Captain Jonny McFarlane and Vice-Captain Eilidh Jack introduced themselves and explained their roles.

Eilidh is currently working on organizing the Winter Fayre due to take place on 1st December 2023 from 5pm – 9pm. Mrs Hook will check the dates of events at other schools to prevent a clash. Eilidh is looking for volunteers to help out.

**Head Teacher Update**

Mr Boyce updated the group on the ASN Provision, Bluebell House. Pupils have now been welcomed into the school. There are currently 12 pupils and 2 classes. The provision is not fully staffed at the moment and recruitment process in ongoing. The recruitment process for permanent support staff is yet to be completed and the ASN Outreach Team are covering at present. There have been school assemblies with the wider school to explain the Autism Provision.

The tender process fell through for the new build and now plans to open October 2024. It is expected to have 9 more pupils next year and an increase in staffing.

A general discussion took place regarding the outdoor space for the Bluebell House pupils. The young people have been involved in the discussions on how best to use the space.

Concerns have been raised regarding the impact on the wider school regarding the Autism Provision. There are clear health and safety protocols in place for staff due to the provision being situated within the mitigation space within the school. Staff protocol is to use the tannoy system to alert staff if a young person has become dysregulated. It was agreed that a message be sent out on the newsletter to reassure parents and share some positive stories.

The full schedule of the new build work will be shared at the next meeting. Ground works are due to start in January 2024.

Mr Somerville shared a summary of the recent SQA results.

Pupils with 1 or more Highers has increased to 51.3%

Pupils with 3 or more Highers has increased to 35.7%

Pupils with 5 Highers or more has remained the same at 10%

Pupils with 5 National‘s has increased to 32.4%

More detail will be shared once it has been received.

It was mentioned that discussions are taking place regarding the new DuriesHill development and Bannockburn High was mentioned. There are plans to build 2 primary schools and investment in Secondary education although there was a strong feeling that an extension would not be suitable.

Volunteers were requested to attend the P6/7 evenings to represent the Parent Council and raise awareness.

Cowie Primary School will be held on 25th September at 6pm

East Plean will be held on 18th September at 6pm

Borestone/Bannockburn/Braehead Primaries will be held on 11th September at 6pm

**Cost of school uniform**

It was noted that the cost of the school cardigan was now £19.95 and not lasting as long as it used to. Mrs Hook will ask the Senior Leadership team to discuss and contact Logoxpres and Sprint Design to advise.

**Modern languages teachers**

Mrs Hook provided an update regarding staffing. There is now a French and Spanish teacher to cover as long as is needed and she is confident the pupils are getting taught what they should be at this time.

**AOCB**

It was noted that the Stirling Council have no concerns regarding the concrete in the school building.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 6.30pm (meeting and AGM)

Postponed until Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6.30pm