

Minutes of Parent Council meeting: Wednesday 22nd 6.30pm (new time) - 22/03/17

Date and time: 22/03/17 06:30 pm to: 16/03/17 07:30 pm

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Location: Conference Room (please note slightly later start, there is an S6 pupil involved in a Expressive Arts Baccalaureate performance at 6pm. Very welcome to see this first. Will be very good!

Access meeting at: <http://app.meetingking.com/meetings/202200>

Topics

1. Pupil Equity Fund update

Discussion about rationale behind PEF and the type of interventions that possibly could be introduced or enhanced. PC interested in the type of barriers and challenges facing some of our pupils and how this money could support them. Discussed the difference between equality and equity and the need to develop additional interventions.

Task PC referred to PEF presentation on school website and asked to read through for further discussion at next meeting. A number of papers on this presentation that are worth considering.

2. School holiday dates

discussion about 2018-19 holiday dates. concern about only 1 day at February. PC members believe summer holiday is also very long but understand unlikely to be any significant changes with that. proposal to take a couple of days off the summer holiday and add to February holiday was seen as a good compromise.

Task Lorna Carson to email authority on behalf of PC to indicate their support for a longer Feb holiday by removing 2 days from summer.

3. Parent Council 'roadshow' arrangements

confirm dates/distribution/focus
paper copies of leaflet
main messages

PC liked the idea of this roadshow and read through the initial ideas for discussion. General discussion on how to engage parents and the use of non school facilities to do this was seen as a strength. 3 or 4 dates in late April/ May were deemed to be the best time and all members were happy to assist in at least 1 of these nights. Locations including Boghal church, BPC, Simpson community wing, Balbardie Scout hall, Blackburn community Centre were deemed most appropriate.



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4. HT Update

Limited time for this update, however discussion on attainment statistics and the impact of SIMD on predicted results. GA showed information about the gap in attainment between pupils living in areas of least deprivation and more deprivation. General discussion about this means and how schools/parents can mitigate these differences.

5. Parent Council Newsletter addition

Task very happy for an update in each of term newsletter to be made. Lorna to write a few words for insert in the one for next week and pass to Grant for inclusion.

6. AOCB

No AOCB. meeting closed at 7.45pm.
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 17th May. 6pm

7. Apologies for this meeting

Lorna Carson, Amanda Heatherill, Lynne Bell

Next Meeting

Meeting title: [Parent council meeting: wednesday 17th may 5.30pm](#)
Date and time: 17/05/17 05:30 pm to: 17/05/17 07:00 pm
Location: Conference Room

Task Summary



New Tasks

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Open tasks from previous meeting(s)

Task GA asked for the group to read through the leaflet and think of new ways to encourage parental engagement.

Task The parent council will put a letter together that the school would send out through the school, The house heads could contact some parents who would like to or benefit attending.

