

# Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 13/9/17 - 13/09/17

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Date and time: 13/09/17 06:00 pm to: 13/09/17 07:00 pm

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Location: conference room

Projects/Tags: parent council

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## Topics

### 1. Welcome and introductions

Lorna welcomed all the new parents coming along and of course the parents who have returned from last year.

Lorna went over how the parent council works.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Grant explained the schools role in the parent council.

Grant talked through the HT report, This included staffing, PEF funded posts and how the PEF funding will help within the school, Community police officer,

### 2. Parent Council priorities for coming year: agreed actions and owners

Lorna suggested that they split into groups to discuss the Parent Council priorities.

The group discussed their findings.

Communication between parents and the school is a top priority.

Opportunities for the parents to get to know more about the the curriculum.

Grant explained that the website has a lot of information on the curriculum.

It was suggested that on the next parent council meeting the group can look at what is already available to give parents information and what needs to improve or change.

In the next session Grant will talk more about the PEF funding.

Peer pressure and exam stress, Mental health for our pupils.

Behaviour, Mental Health (PEF), Parents Night, Helping parents engage with their childrens learning.

### 3. HT Update: staffing, examination results, Improvement Plan, Pupil Equity Fund, SNSA update

Grant talked through the HT report, This included staffing, PEF funded posts and how the PEF funding will help within the school, Community police officer,



Grant went through this years exam results, explaining how the CAT indicator works and how we use it to help the pupils gain the best results. Bathgate Academy had a great achievement this year. Our results are improving year on year. Tracking reports are very important to keep our senior pupils on the right path to success.

Grant explained how the exam points work and what universities and colleges are looking for.

A few years ago nationally Maths was an issue. We now have turned this round and our pupils are benefiting from an improved curriculum.

The "how good is our school" evaluation show us sitting at good, Our aim is to improve to very good.

Grant explained how the school are going to achieve this,

Grant went through the collaborative opportunities for this academic year.

This school has been chosen to be part of the Polar Academy 2019. This will impact on our S2 and S3 pupils. They will be able to attend a polar expedition in 2019.

You can look at clips from youtube to find out more and more information will come from us as required.

S3 Standardised Assessment Information - The Government has asked us to take our S3 pupils through some testing to see where they are and what we can do to help them succeed. The group watched a video that explained how this works. Grant explained how this would be done throughout Bathgate Academy.

This testing method will allow class teachers to modify their teaching to suit all pupils.

CEM testing is no longer used by the authority.

## 4. AOCB

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### Next Meeting

Meeting title: [Parent council meeting](#)  
Date and time: 15/11/17 06:00 pm to: 15/11/17 08:00 pm  
Location: conference room

### Open tasks from previous meeting(s)

**Task** Re word leaflet in a more informal way. Emphasise drop in session and not a 2 hour meeting.

Owned by [grace.burns@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:grace.burns@westlothian.org.uk) due 22/05/17

**Task** Lorna will be looking to book a venue in Blackburn for week commencing 12th June.

Owned by [lornac273@gmail.com](mailto:lornac273@gmail.com) due 29/05/17

**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.

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

**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.



**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.

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

**Task** Lorna and Michelle will distribute leaflets to feeder primary schools and local businesses e.g Tesco, sweet shops. They will collect from school Monday 22nd May.

**Task** Once dates agreed there may be a need to call another meeting to agree format of evenings etc. Lorna will do this when it is all ready to go.

**Task** Paper copies of flyers will be distributed to various locations around Bathgate, placed on socia lmedia outlets and hopefully advertised in paper: Grant and Lorna

**Task** dates to be added to flyer once locations agreed by Lorna

