

Minutes of Parent Council meeting - 15/11/17

Date and time: 15/11/17 06:00 pm to: 15/11/17 08:00 pm

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Location: conference room

Projects/Tags: parent council

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Topics

1. Matters Arising and next steps

Lorna Carson has now resigned as Parent Council Chairperson.

Grant explained how important a role the parent council are to the school. Encouraging parental engagement between parents and the school.

Grant asked the group how they think the group should go forward.

Grant explained that parental engagement is good for school staff moral.

The local councilor agreed with Grants comments about how important parent council is to the school and the community.

The parents who attended the meeting also agreed.

Parents were asked if they would like to volunteer to become the new chair person of the parent council.

No one who attended the meeting felt that they could give the time needed to become the new chair person.

As a school we need parents to be engaged and a big part of the parent council.

The school has so many things going on that we want the parents to be part of.

2. Parent Council Chair discussion and nomination

3. HT Update

Grant gave an update on were the school is at present.

Polar Academy, 40 pupils have now been selected to be part of this. There is a meeting at the end of November to get this number down to 20 pupils.

Fundraising will need to begin to help with the cost of this.

The budget cut responses have now come to an end and are in with the council who will now go through the residents thoughts and views and will decide on the best areas to make the savings needed.

Grant explained that there will be cuts in Education but also cuts in services that provide help to Education.

4. School Captain Update



The school captains gave a presentation on how the new S1s have settled into High School. They thought it is nice that they have a nice relationship between seniors and s1s.

It's felt that this gives the new pupils someone to talk to if they are having a negative experience of high school and also to share positive experiences.

Alton Towers experience - this was a great experience for the S3 pupils, although this was mostly fun their was an element of maths.

The school captains went to Lornshill Academy to find out how their pupil parliament works and have decided to base our pupil parliament on their structure.

Mr Roberts is running a space that pupils can go to, somewhere they can feel safe, they will be able to play games, study or chat with friends. This is linked into our anti bullying week.

5. AOCB

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 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 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 social media outlets and hopefully advertised in paper: Grant and Lorna

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

