

MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Elspeth McCallum (Chair), Wendy MacPherson (Treasurer), Morag Lang, Kevin Mackay, Lynne Robertson, Tim Gollins, David Surphlis, Ailsa Johnson, Alison Mitchell (Parents), Iain Livingstone (Headteacher), Linda Cranston (Resource Manager), Carol Anne Henderson (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES: Donna Ainslie, Heather McManus, Claire Lawson, Carolyn Lowe, Neil Macaulay

DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>E McCallum welcomed to all the meeting and announced received apologies.</p> <p>2. PREVIOUS MINUTE</p> <p>The previous minute was agreed as correct.</p> <p>3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>I Livingstone advised the committee that Jillian Shaw had a baby boy, Hugo.</p> <p>I Livingstone also informed the committee that due to A Murray's absence, further support has been provided to Pupil Support. However, A Murray is hoping to be back in school soon.</p> <p>Distance Learning</p> <p>I Livingstone advised the committee that the software problem has now been fixed.</p> <p>I Livingstone advised that the authority is looking at extending the distance learning to Higher.</p> <p>Authority Visit</p> <p>I Livingstone presented a slideshow of the authority visit outcome which was very positive.</p> <p>4. UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL</p> <p>Faith Seel and Isla Campbell of the Pupil Council came along to speak to the Committee about the current plans as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are looking to get extra seating in the playground area for the junior school using the donation from the Parent Council. • Providing a bin at the astroturf. • Setting up a Pupil Council Station at break times for pupils to come voice their opinions. • A suggestion Box to staff and pupils • Introducing recycling bins to be more eco friendly <p>It was noted that, due to illness, the presentation on the Auschwitz-Birkenau visit by senior pupils will be made at the next Parent Council meeting.</p>	

5. GENERAL UPDATE

I Livingstone spoke of all that's currently happening within the school as follows:

- Braes High School won the Kellogg's Best Breakfast Club in Scotland. Thanks to Ruth Kelly for all her hard work. Ruth, along with 5 others, will attend the House of Commons in December to collect a cheque for £1,000.
- Poverty Proofing – there will be a Pop-up Store in Room 326 with winter clothing, etc which will be available to pupils for free.
- Rag Bag Collection – collecting clothes/shoes for donation to charity shops.
- A meeting took place with representatives from Fastsnax and Jessica James about introducing healthier options for pupils. They also spoke of introducing a loyalty scheme for pupils who purchase healthier option meals.
- The school hub has a new pasta cart and are introducing different theme days each Friday.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

The current balance is £663.59. W MacPherson will submit the grant application soon.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- E McCallum asked the Committee to get in touch if they would like to go along to the Falkirk Area Parent Forum on Thursday, 7 November.
- W MacPherson advised the Committee that we still don't have a Vice-Chairperson. This will be carried on for discussion to the next meeting on 3 December.

8. CLOSE

E McCallum closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending.