

BRAES HIGH SCHOOL
Parent Council AGM 5.9.22

Present : D Ainslie, M Taylor, C Ward, M Lang, A Anderson, C Murphy, G Thomson, A Watt, C Leitch, F Robertson, J Ormsby, W MacPherson, K Baird, C King, C Duncan, Cllr J Kerr

Apologies: D Dagger

1. Matters Arising

H McManus welcomed all to the meeting and instigated consideration of last year's AGM minute.

The issue of whether to change the constitution to have an appointed Secretary rather than a paid Clerk was discussed. K Baird volunteered for the role of Secretary. It was agreed to change the constitution to reflect the change from a paid Clerk to an appointed Secretary.

The minute was proposed as accurate by K MacKinnon and seconded by W MacPherson.

Action – amend Constitution as appropriate.

2. Chairperson's Report

H McManus reflected on the year past, identifying the multiple areas of engagement, encouragement and partnership working between the Parent Council, pupils and staff. H McManus also thanked all involved with the Parent Council for their support. F Robertson expressed thanks on behalf of the group to H McManus for her leadership of the Parent Council.

I Livingstone followed on from this report, thanking the Parent Council for their support last session, and agreeing that the encouragement shown to pupils in attendance has been notable. I Livingstone also expressed thanks to H McManus for the leadership of the group, and outlined aspirations and intentions for this session.

3. Updates from school

Digital Learning Strategy

I Vossler, Faculty Head of Technology, presented to the group, with excellent inputs from Fraser MacPherson (S3), Euan Robertson (S3), Ewan Taylor (S6) and Jessica Stirling (S6). The pupils outlined their role as Digital Leaders, the support offered to staff and fellow pupils, and their role in receiving multiple awards for the school's digital learning provision. I Vossler also outlined the emphasis on professional learning to ensure appropriate digital pedagogy in lessons and was able to clarify the iPad issue dates for S1 pupils as 13/14 September.

SQA Attainment 2022

M Cotter, Depute Headteacher, spoke with the group to outline headline figures summarising young people's attainment last session. Discussion points ensuring included:

- the different types and levels of qualifications achieved by young people
- the emphasis on wider achievement qualifications, encompassing young people's skills in areas of leadership
- how school results can be compared and contrasted

- trends in school-level attainment data
- a recognition that young people's achievement in a broad range of measures is required

It was agreed to postpone presentations outlining pupil achievement in Literacy and Numeracy, and an analysis of pupils' positive destinations on leaving school to a future meeting.

4. Treasurer's report

W MacPherson reported that the Parent Council holds a balance of £2278.61 and noted that payments are still to be made for the Dux Medal and the Pupil Council's request for a contribution towards iPad protectors. It was agreed that L Cranston (Resource Manager) and W MacPherson would liaise in relation to these payments.

Action – W MacPherson and L Cranston to liaise in relation to payments.

5. Appointment of Auditor

W MacPherson noted that L Arbuckle had audited the accounts.

6. Appointment of Office Bearers

H McManus confirmed her intention to step down as Chairperson and noted that K MacKinnon had offered to be the new Chairperson. K MacKinnon was subsequently proposed by D Ainslie and seconded by F Robertson.

A Anderson expressed an interest in being Vice Chairperson, and was subsequently proposed by K Baird and seconded by A Watt.

W MacPherson offered to relinquish the post of Treasurer should there be anyone else interested. No other expressions of interest in the role were made, and W MacPherson indicated willingness to remain in the role. This was proposed by C Leitch and seconded by A Anderson.

7. Close of Business

H McManus closed the meeting, noting future meeting dates and that the meeting initially scheduled for 6th March 2023 has been moved to 9th March 2023.