



Boclair Academy
Parent Council Meeting

Minutes Monday 24th April 2017

Chair	Ivana Bhattacharyya
Vice	Moira Paterson
Minutes	Nicola McGee
Treasurer	Laura Lyons

Present: Ivana Bhattacharyya, Nicola McGee, Kathleen Seath, Alison MacNair, Andrew Shaw, Adrienne Shaw, William Traynor, Moira Paterson, Chris Anderson, Aileen Hamilton, Fiona Lockhart, Ruth Candy, Fiona Williams, Emma Sheppard, Alan Taylor, Jacqui Taylor, Jacqui Clark, Jane Paterson, Scott Ferguson, Angela McLellan, Chris Allen, Laura Lyons, Jack Dale (Head Boy), Clare Morgan (DHT), Douglas Brown (Head Teacher), Cllr Small.

Apologies: Gillian Burse, Gaynor Miller, Suzanne Chase, Isobel Lightbody, Angela McMillan, Laura Lyons, Cllr Vaughan Moody

- 1. Introduction and Welcome:** Ivana welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.
- 2. Minutes of the last Meeting** - Previous minutes from were agreed and seconded by Allison MacNair

3. Fundraising – Flightpath Update

Ruth Candy provided an update on this application. We have been provided with £1800 for seating only (original bid for both seating and flower garden area of £5.5k). This amount does not include VAT and installation costs and should provide the school with 7-10 new benches, it was agreed that the benches should be ordered and to liaise with Technical Dept to organize build of these flat pack kits (pupil modules next term). Alison MacNair & Scott Ferguson have agreed to look at applying for charitable status for the parent council so purchase will not be VAT liable. Ruth will contact Bearsden East Community Council who have provided funds for picnic table benches to other organisations. This may help towards installation costs and provide more benches /picnic tables for the school.

4. Just Giving Page

Angela McMillan asked for assistance with the set up and running of this. Jacqui Clark will assist.

5. Pupil Council Feedback

Jack Dale advised that going forward prefect numbers will be reduced from 40 to 20. The pupil council have also been actively discussing Boclairs 40th Anniversary event and coming up with ideas for the day.

6. EDC Parent Council

Moira Paterson attended the latest meeting and summarised the following.

The National Parent Forum for Scotland have produced 2 new nutshells – careers & digital photography. These can be found on their website. Jacqui McDonald gave 2 presentations, one on the new Pupil Equity Fund (approx. £1200 per pupil) and Additional Support Needs within schools. There are plans to have autism advisors and wellbeing bases in every school.

Ivana B will attend the next PC forum meeting in June. The topics being discussed will include Child Protection and Internet Safety. IB advised that Parent Council Forum Reps & Education Committee nominations are now being taken if anyone was interested.

7. HT Report – presented by Clare Morgan (DHT)

8. Chair Nominations

Ivana Bhattacharyya announced that she will be stepping down as chair after the September AGM due to work commitments. Parent Council members were asked to think about nominations for a new chair. Moira Paterson will also be stepping down as Vice Chair.

9. 40th Anniversary Preparations

- School staff have responded with 16 ideas for help/stalls.
- Parent Council to promote the event through social media/flyers
- Large signage to be erected to promote event, possibly at Canniesburn Toll
- School to begin to 'tweet' about event
- Involve local press/ radio stations/supermarkets
- Invitation to past pupils via media
- Music dept will organise choir, musical performances, instrumentals, primary school pupil involvement.
- Fire Brigade/Emergency services vehicles/displays
- Ice cream van

AOB

There are still issues with logging in for Show my Homework, these issues should be resolved during the exam period.

It was agreed that the May meeting should devote a large portion of time to discussing the 40th Anniversary Fayre

The parent council asked the DHT to thank all the staff for their commitment to the pupils during the Easter School program.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22nd May 2017 @ 7:15pm