



Boclair Academy
Parent Council Meeting

Minutes Monday 28th November 2016

Chair Ivana Bhattacharyya
Minutes Nicola McGee
Treasurer Moira Paterson

Present: CLIR Anne McNair, CLLR Vaughan Moody, Laura Lyons, Kathleen Seath, Alison MacNair, Adrienne Shaw, William Traynor, Moira Paterson, Jane Paterson, Chris Anderson, Aileen Hamilton, Fiona Lockhart, Ann McKenzie, Ruth Candy, Fiona Williams, Emma Sheppard, David Murphy, Alan Taylor, Jacqui Taylor, Suzanne Chase, Karis Bhattacharyya (Head girl) Yassar Razouk (Head Boy) Gillian Birse, Shirley Fraser, Douglas Brown (Head Teacher)

Apologies: Jacqui Clark, Paula Hourston, Gaynor Miller, CLLR Manjinder Shergill

Introduction and Welcome: Ivana welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

Minutes of the last Meeting - Previous minutes from 24/10/16 were agreed and seconded by Moira Paterson. Spelling of David Murphy's surname to be amended

Senior Pupils Presentation

Yaser and Karis (Head Boy/Girl) updated the PC on the schools' successful involvement with the Medics Against Violence (MAV) program. Senior pupils prepared and presented lessons to S2/S3 pupils on subjects such as knife crime/gang culture and presented videos from ex-convicts. Boclair senior pupils were invited by MAV to speak to other teachers & schools about this program and have also been invited to speak to medical professionals who are thinking up signing up to the MAV program. This has helped the senior pupil's presentation skills, interpersonal skills and forged better relationships with younger year groups in the school.

Pupil Council Update

Pupil council have voted their priority for fundraising is for a new sound and lighting system for the assembly hall. HT agreed the assembly hall is the main focus for pupils and will take the pupils views back to ED and Jacqui McDonald (Director of Education EDC). It was suggested that perhaps the PC could purchase radio mikes for the school to assist.

Parent council agreed by a show of hands to pay £100 to the active school's coordinator towards the final cost of new netball posts for PE.

Pupils noted that the canteen and common rooms were old and had uncomfortable seating. It was noted that these areas were not treated well by pupils and agreed that the main focus of fundraising

was to be towards the assembly hall. Twitter, school web page, xmas concert to be used for promoting this scheme. Lesley McGowan, Ivana and Kathleen will arrange buckets to fundraise at xmas show. IB also requested list of events that PC could attend throughout the year and fundraise.

PC to look at setting up a fundraising page for online payments for assembly hall program.

David Murphy noted that any funds raised should not work against ERC capital funds as Boclair system is over 40 years old and all new schools in EDC have had new systems installed.

IB agreed to approach council (Jacqui McDonald) via email to back up HT request for Assembly Hall modernisation. IB will prepare an agenda for the Feb 2017 PC meeting and invite JMCD to attend.

PC Bank Account

It was agreed to leave a £10 balance in the account so that future cheques can be paid in. Current balance is £249.83, £239.83 will be transferred to the school safe. Laura will prepare accounts for 15/16 which will be put on the school web site.

Update on EDC Governance Meeting

IB attended this meeting presented by Jacqui McDonald where a West Partnership was discussed being created including the following councils: Glasgow/East Ren/Renfrewshire/Inverclyde/East Dunbartonshire/West Dunbartonshire. This partnership would be for collaboration and sharing best practice. School autonomy was discussed, Jacqui McDonald will speak to school HT's and SMT regarding this. No formal decisions have been made as yet as the consultation period finishes in January 2017.

Update on Fundraising

Gaynor not present at meeting- update at next PC meeting

Head Teachers Report

IB passed on thanks from Parent Council to all the teachers for the Supported Study program.

AOB

School website has been updated, PC minutes to be uploaded to web site after being agreed and seconded

Gillian Birse commented on information regards careers advice, parents were often not aware of open days/weekend events. Could twitter be used to help promote these. HT will take this on board.

Some S1 parents commented that new parents were unsure of how the parents evening system works and why some teachers were unavailable. Could this be information be made clearer to them.

Recent works in streets around the school were deemed unsafe due to restricted pedestrian access. Councilors to report back to EDC re this matter.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017 @ 7:15pm