



BOCLAIR ACADEMY
Parent Council Meeting

Monday 26.11.18

Present : Chris Allen, Chris Anderson, Duncan Beattie, Ruth Candy, Suzanne Chase, Jacqui Clark, Aileen Hamilton, Isobel Lightbody, Fiona Lockhart, Joanne McArthur, Ann McKenzie, Alison McNair, Graham Murray, Allison Nisbet, Kathleen Seath, Adrienne Shaw, Chris Sheerin, Susan Sinclair, Flora Thomson, Douglas Brown (HT), Maxine Traynor (DHT)

Chair Chris Allen
Vice-Chair Alison McNair
Minutes Joanne McArthur
Treasurer Flora Thomson

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chris opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Apologies were received from William Traynor.

2. Minutes of Meeting : 21 May 2018

Minutes Proposed by Alison McNair and seconded by Suzanne Chase.

3. Matters arising from above minutes

No matters arising from above.

4. Minutes of Meeting : 22 October 2018

Minutes proposed by Aileen Hamilton and seconded by Anne McKenzie

5. Matters arising from above minutes

No matters arising from above

6. Buildings Update – Cllr Andrew Polson

Cllrs Andrew Polson and Vaughan Moody attended the meeting. Lengthy discussion ensued. It would appear that the Councillors had expected to receive plans from the Architect and Planners regarding upgrading work that is planned for Boclair Academy which they had hoped to discuss with Parent Council this evening.

Unfortunately, the plans have not yet arrived. HT Douglas Brown was privy to original plans but they have been send back, and it was revised plans that were due to be shown to the Parent Council at this meeting. As we were totally unaware of what to expect various discussions ensued:

Everyone agreed that the first priority for Boclair has to be Security. The school is not secure. Alison McNair reiterated that anyone can walk round the back of the school and access the Maths Building, and the same with the PE department. We do accept that this will be part of the re-furb, but Security has to come first.

Both Cllrs were asked if and when the report comes back what timescales are we looking at with regards to work being started? Douglas Brown intimated that even looking at the original plans there is a fair amount of work we are talking about. The plans would include the likes of the Maths Buildings being brought closer to the main building in order to create more classroom spaces. Cllrs then agreed that the work would more than likely be carried out at the beginning of summer in order to cause least disruption. The question was then put to the Cllrs is there any other schools within EDC that are of similar security risk as Boclair? V Moody replied he was unaware of any other school.

We then moved on to the topic of the Asset Action Sheet that was provided by EDC on 1st May 2018. Our Parent Council have drawn up a sub-group who have agreed to meet and discuss this rather than take up a lot of time at each meeting. The issue of the toilets was highlighted as a major cause of concern. An email was sent from PC to Alan Bauer on 5th November and his reply to Chris Allen, Chairperson on 9th November was discussed. Basically we were promised 2 full weekend of deep cleans at Boclair and then fortnightly meetings inspections over the next 6 months. Mr Brown advised that one deep clean had already taken place over 17th & 18th November, and when the 2nd one has taken place we will be invited to come in and check what has been done. Duncan Beattie was vociferous in his statement that he had challenged Alan Bauer at a previous meeting when Duncan said the cleanliness of the school was appalling – and Alan took exception to that. Duncan then asked for it to be minuted and said basically now he was stating that Alan Bauer was not doing his job properly! Parent Council are asking if we can have some feedback regarding this. Chris Allan agreed to chase this up.

It was also highlighted that an issue of one of the toilet doors was covered in graffiti – Parent Council made it known that we are not looking for this door to be replaced, but if FM could just paint it, this would suffice in the interim period.

7. Facebook

It was reported that we would carry this forward to our next meeting in January 2019.

8. Head Teachers report

Dues to limited time the Head Teacher's report will be carried forward to our next meeting.

9. **Report on Parent Council Forum**

Chris Allen gave a quick run down on the topics discussed at a recent Parent Council Forum. Are we accurately representing all year groups S1-S6? Do we have a decent representation for children with Additional Support Needs? Are we represented by areas of deprivation?

He also spoke about how we could advertise the Parent Council better – should we have advertising banners?

10. **Priorities for future meetings**

Due to time constraints – nothing was discussed.

11. **AOCB**

Again, the meeting closed with nothing in particular being highlighted.

Date of next Parent Council Meeting will be Monday 21st January 2019 at 6.30 pm in Staff Room.