



**BOCLAIR ACADEMY  
Parent Council Meeting**

**Monday 22.10.19**

**Present :** Chris Allen, Chris Anderson, Paula Brown, Ruth Candy, Suzanne Chase, Jacqui Clark, Varinder Dhaliwal, Caroline Flanagan, Aileen Hamilton, Isobel Lightbody, Fiona Lockhart, Joanne McArthur, Ann McKenzie, Graham Murray, Susan Rae, Kathleen Seath, Adrienne Shaw, Chris Sheerin, Marianne Strachan, Flora Thomson, Douglas Brown, Clare Morgan.

**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 Donna McMillan, Hayley Banks, Duncan Beattie & Susan Sinclair.

**2. Minutes of last meeting : 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**

Minutes Proposed by J Clark and seconded by A Shaw.

**3. Matters arising from Minutes**

The issue of the lack of Computing teachers was raised again. DB explained that he is hopeful to be allowed to advertise for a Principal teacher post which would rectify this situation. Mr Brown is hoping that the council can change the structure of this post.

It was also raised if the parents could get an insight when assignments are due. PT spoke to some 4<sup>th</sup> year parents and they will get an overview of when the assignments are taking place & deadlines.

**4. Review of Remedial building works**

It was agreed that this review will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, prior to the next parent council workshop & will be fed back to the whole group.

## **5. Head Teachers report**

### **New school**

Meetings have taken place with staff pupils and parents over the last few weeks. The final workshops take place on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Following this plans will be drawn for all stakeholders to view.

### **On-going maintenance**

While a new school is now being planned issues related to security and toilets will be addressed. New gates have been installed at three points within the school grounds. Up[grade painting and lock replacements in toilets are ongoing.

### **Staffing**

- We welcome Fiona Curran to the school as the new DHT for S1 – she is currently in Lendrick Muir.
- Sara Conings (SLA) left the school prior to the October Holiday
- Science staffing issues – currently two Physics teachers off, two Chemistry teachers off and two Biologists on Maternity leave
- D Brown will be out of school all next week on Inspection in Aberdeenshire

### **In-service Day and extra In-service day**

Our first extra in-service day was on Tuesday 1st October after the September weekend and the second will be on Friday 7th February prior to the February weekend. We used the first one to discuss and plan ways to tackle bureaucracy.

Our recent in-service day focused on ACES

### **Boclair Learning Resource**

New resource opened to help support our most able pupils who have gaps in their learning or require some support to fulfil their potential.

### **Battlefields Trip**

This was once again a huge success. Thanks to all staff who accompanied the trip and supported the learning of our young people.

### **Lendrick Muir**

S1 pupils are currently on residential in Lendrick Muir. All very positive so far.

### **Open Evening**

A huge thanks to all staff who attended the Open Evening to welcome new P7s and our new S1 parents. Over 300 people visited on the night and feedback has been almost universally positive.

## **Parents Evening**

The S4 Parents Evening was very positive. S5 is next next at the start of November.

## **Supported Study**

The Supported Study schedule has been completed and is now on the school website. Pupils will get paper copies tomorrow.

## **S1 Welcome Evening**

We welcomed our S1 Parents to an evening of workshops in September. Thanks to our Parent Council for their attendance on the evening.

## **Bar Mock Trial**

The team will once again complete in the Scottish Championships at the High Court in Glasgow. This takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## **Trips**

Modern Languages trip to Paris will go ahead next May  
English Trip next week to see Men Should Weep (S5 and S6)

## **6. AOCB**

Adrienne Shaw asked when the timetables will become available for the prelims. Mr Brown confirmed that these will be available Mid-end of November.

As the Parent Council had attended the Design Brief Parent Workshop from 6.30 pm this evening, the Agenda was very much reduced.

**Date of next Parent Council Meeting will be Monday 25th November 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Staff Room.**