



### Biggar High School Parent Council- January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020

Present: Robert Stewart (Head Teacher), Flora Neville (Chair) Kirsty Campbell (Vice-Chair), Julie Forrest (Secretary) , Kate Allistair, Clare Waters, Rosslyn Thomson, Gemma Milne, Andy Spence, Sue Hope, Chrissy Wild

Apologies :Lesley Armstrong, Leigh Gentleman

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
1) Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes:  Bank Accounts details were shared  January Minutes not visible on website. Check.  ASN – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March for sub-group meeting. Open to all PC members who are interested – for discussion grant application/plans/etc. Also possibly discuss Rachel- Youth Dyslexia Ambassador- visit.	<i>RS to liaise with SA</i>

Homework was discussed – Portico will be disabled. Any ASN child should have a paper copy of homework and/or on Google classroom.

Robert has met with SLC digital co-ordinator re issue with Portico.

Robert has asked if there are any issues to let him know and he will investigate.

It was suggested to ask your child about topics/where they access it/ are there any gaps? RS noted that the disabling of Portico meant school would speed up push to encourage staff to set up Google classrooms at all stages and ensure that appropriate coursework/ course information/ homework and home study materials are available through Google Classroom or other appropriate platforms.

Wendy mentioned My Homework App – cost is significant and RS asked for patience in allowing the Google Classroom developments to take shape as this will prove as if not more interactivity and benefit for children.

The Parent Council wanted to express that they are here to help any teacher if they require any support/time to move items from Portico to Google Classroom.

RS noted that heads of faculty were meeting with the school IT co-ordinator to identify meaningful next steps and that the school areas for storing information- both staff and pupil areas required to be ‘cleaned out’ of irrelevant and duplicated materials at the same time as a concerted move to GC platforms

Clare to meet with Denise McFarlane to discuss CAT scores. Discussion about having an overview of “CAT” scores.

	<p>RS noted that CAT was a support to inform teacher judgement and was more relevant in certain subjects than in others. He would be happy to arrange a meeting with a sub-group and DMcF to raise awareness of how CAT actually operated and the information it provided.</p> <p>Windfarm Bid – outline notes submitted. Flora is waiting on them to come back to us with comments.</p> <p>Flora has met with Alan Russell (Clydesdale Support Co-ordinator) and now seeking to arrange an appointment with Alex McLeod (SLC ASN manager) for a follow up meeting.</p> <p>Flora to discuss with Mr Barrowman re. training for updating and allowing access to school app..</p> <p>Survey Monkey – PC to devise Questions for this survey re Communication Suggested questions included:</p> <p>School Year Group</p> <p>How well- General Communication</p> <p>How well- information re. Child's progress</p> <p>How well- celebrating Childs success</p> <p>How well- Parent Council communication</p> <p>Ways in which we communicate- discussion . . .</p> <p>.</p> <p>What would be your preferred method of communication from the School? Twitter, email, app, website</p>	
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<p><b>1) Head Teachers Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lion King Trip went well- part of senior Art pupils' design preparation</li> <li>• Valentines Ceilidh/ Dance – very well attended and raised £800 for Malawi partnership</li> <li>• Young Rotary Club musician – 2 entrants (Ryan and Katie) performed well at regional finals in Selkirk</li> <li>• Changing Faces visit – all year groups attended assemblies raising awareness- thanks to Hannah Archibald (S4) for leading this</li> <li>• Finn and Cole through to next stage (Semi-final) of the Donald Dewar debate competition.</li> <li>• Mason/ Sophie (S<sup>^</sup>) undertook workshops with S1 and S2 classes to convey their experiences of their recent visit to Auschwitz as part of their 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme. Pupil artwork on this theme also now displayed in Low parks Museum along with work from other SLC schools.</li> <li>• Librarian settling in- already arranged author visit for S1 and S2 pupils (pupils requested to bring £6 for signed book) and set up S1-S3 Reading Challenge</li> <li>• School participated in SLC Battle of the Bands and Dance Competitions</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Treasurer Update</b></p>	<p>Bank Account £1448.</p> <p>Clothing Bank was full- PC to liaise with company re. collection</p>	

<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<p>'Just Giving' - Chrissy will update next month</p> <p>Chrissy questioned if three sciences were available in options forms – this was discussed and with new option form this is now available. RS noted that HE institutions did not require three science to be completed in one year.</p> <p>National Career Week – RBS is sponsoring again. Andy had information for Mr Good. RBS is offering a week work experience for anyone who is wanting to explore corporate law. It is available in the central belt but as long as they can travel they can apply – opportunity to visit high court etc.</p> <p>Biggar Arts Ltd, - they will be starting official programme in April they have venues available at Loaningdale.</p> <p>SH said that GM would have to apply for the Lottery Licence as it had lots of details pertaining to herself. Also re. the Lottery – it should be noted that the probability of winning £25k (the maximum) is so minute that this would have to be minuted that this would be the case.</p> <p>For next meeting everyone should read the various policies (JF to re-send) and agree or give amendments.</p> <p>S2/S3 Parental Consultations – no need for helpers for coffee.</p> <p>Discuss P7 Workshop next meeting</p>	<p><i>RS to publicise through Pupil Support and Pupil Newsletter</i></p> <p><i>JF &amp; ALL</i></p> <p><i>Agenda item</i></p>
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	<p>Dance- options for getting more boys into the dance show. Looking for options for funding. Sue and Wendy will look at this.</p> <p>Youth Sexual Health Projects possibly discuss next meeting. Please put on the Agenda. This is to see what advice is out there and what should be discussed. Possibly contact Donald Stewart at the Health Centre for info beforehand?</p>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>AOCB</b>	<p>It was discussed having a social gathering for the members of the Parent Council. It was agreed 24<sup>th</sup> April 8 p.m. at The Crown, Biggar.</p> <p>Andy Spence has decided to step down from the Parent Council.</p>	

- **Next PC Meeting is Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in School Library at 7pm.**