



Biggar High School Parent Council- 25th May 2021

AGM & May Minutes

Present: Flora Neville (Chair) Kirsty Campbell (Vice-Chair), Julie Forrest (Secretary) , Robert Stewart (Head Teacher), Wendy Johnstone, Rosslyn Thomson, Kate Allister, Karen Lawrie, Chrissy Wild, Sue Hope, Clare Waters, Cllr Ian McAllan.

Apologies:

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
<p>1) Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Colin Frame from Fintech firm Stellar Omada gave us an interesting run through of his life, career to date and ethos towards life and work. Several questions were asked regarding work experience, work ethics etc. There were many different positive aspects of encouraging resilience for our children in the future identified. CF is keen to be involved and helping wherever possible. Everyone thanked CF for coming along, sharing his story and anticipating a strong future working relationship with the school.</p>	
<p>2) AGM</p>	<p>FN delivered her Chairperson's report (see attached). Flora thanked Julie for all her work as Secretary as she was now standing down.</p> <p>Chrissy gave her Treasurer's report (see attached).</p> <p>Voting for Parent Council Roles:</p>	

	<p>Chairperson: Flora Neville: Nominated by KC; Seconded by WJ Vice Chair: Kirsty Campbell: Nominated by FN; Seconded by WJ Treasurer: Chrissy Wild : Nominated by FN; Seconded by SH Secretary: Clare Waters : Nominate by WJ; Seconded by FN</p>	
<p>3) May Parent Council Meeting: - Head teachers</p>	<p>With further mitigation measures in place Covid seems to be being held in check. At present, the school remains covid free- a huge positive in terms of continuity of learning. Hopefully by August we will be able to offer extra-curricular activities and resume some sense of normality in relation to the 'wider life' of the school.</p> <p>Senior phase assessments – these will finish in the next week. Now the process of marking will begin with predictive grades issued to pupils week beginning 14th June. Inservice days next week will allow for the work of bringing this together to start with subject teams cross marking, moderating standards and working with partners across Clydesdale and SLC schools to ensure that decisions are accurate.</p> <p>PEF fund will have 15% extra (additional 'covid recovery' money). For this session we have identified 2 teachers to work with interrupted learners to help support children who are struggling to attend regularly.</p> <p>Youth worker will continue for another year.</p> <p>Teen Talk counsellors now in place 3 days a week.</p> <p>New S1 transition information will be issued next week- Zoom Parents' evening to be held on Wednesday 2nd at 7 p.m..</p> <p>Additional individual visits will start next week for children with additional support needs.</p>	

	<p>Possible transitional visit for new S1's before August for ½ a day with practical subjects before they start. Final plans on this to be confirmed.</p> <p>H&W survey results are gathered, and it is planned that a more formal structured Mental Health programme be introduced within the PSE curriculum from August.</p> <p>Careers and Skills Development Scotland grant- we will have approx. £14k to spend on developing skills and career information – maybe some further discussion on spending this as wisely as possible in a future meeting.</p>	
<p>4) AOCB</p>	<p>IMcA discussed rumoured proposed closures of leisure facilities within the local area. Ian stated that there will be none in this area.</p> <p>The Biggar Gym was discussed – RS noted that leisure opened up from 17th of May for local clubs but with no changing facilities. There will be a new 3G surface laid outdoors and fitted over summer. This will take 6 weeks.</p> <p>Update on the Wi-Fi situation at school? IMcA shared he is constantly pushing for better community connectivity. RS shared that there is a proposal sitting at Head Office asking to pay the £7k to update the school wi-fi and he will keep PC updated as to progress of this.</p> <p>CW asked if there were any clubs within the community that could possibly use the Symington Football Club so that these clubs can added to a proposed grant application.</p> <p>Robert offered congratulations to former pupil Mhairi McAllan with her recent Scottish Parliamentary success.</p> <p>New timetable starts on Wednesday 9th of June.</p> <p>ASN subgroup meeting Tuesday 15th June 7-8.30</p>	

- **Next PC Meeting is Tuesday 24th August 2021 Zoom Meeting 7pm**