

BRAE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Brae High School Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 19 Sep 2018 at 6pm in

Brae Secondary School

1 Present

Billy Forsyth, Paul Bendix, Louise Wood, Sarah Johnson, Ingrid Leask, Vivian Anderson, Leslie Peterson, Susan Williamson

2 Apologies

Kirsty McKenzie, Robin Calder, Emma Macdonald, Janis Nicolson

3. Asymmetric Week

Arrangements appear to be working well concerning the Asymmetric Week. As a result it was agreed to remove this as a regular agenda item. However the matter can be raised again under any other business at any future meeting of the Parent Council.

4 Chair's Report

The Chair had received a reply from Childrens' Services regarding the loss of Textile and Fashion from the curriculum. He advised that he would pursue the matter. The Chair also undertook to ask the School what use it would make of money provided by Parent Council fund-raising. The Chair also undertook to put Meeting dates and minutes on the School's Facebook sites; to remind all parents of their entitlement to attend meetings; to raise the profile of the Parent Council at the 28 Sep Coffee Morning and organise an Awareness Meeting for parents for 3 Oct. The Awareness Meeting was intended as a way of considering methods of highlighting the role and activities of the Parent Council.

5 Treasurer's Report

No report

6 Primary School Report

The Primary School had recently had a very interesting and engaging demonstration of the use of Technical Lego and iPads by SIC. Pupils' interest had been stimulated and the Head remarked that in his view acquisition of this equipment would be his first choice for use of any additional funding.

7 Secondary Report

No report. However it was believed that the Home Economics teacher post remained unfilled. The Chair undertook to pursue the matter. At a subsequent meeting, the SIC have asked the following points to be made.

The school has secured specialist Home Economics supply cover at the start of the session with two retired Home Economics teachers, Drina Hughson and Sue Hawkins, being deployed in the school for the first four weeks of the term, as well as some general secondary supply cover being used.

Meanwhile, the permanent, four-day a week, post has been advertised four times in recent months, with the council's relocation package included, but there have been no applicants that have applied.

The school and the local authority are continuing to work closely to consider short-term and longer-term solutions in relation to this vacant post, and the school will be in touch again with all parents and carers with further information in due course.

8 Date of Next Meetings

The Chair will attend the Coffee Morning on 28 Sep

Parents are invited to the Awareness Meeting on 3 Oct at 6.00pm in the Secondary School.

The AGM will be on Wed 21 Nov at 7.00pm in the Secondary School

10. For those interested in the aims and objectives of a Parent Council, the Scottish Government has produced a document addressing frequently-asked questions. It can be found at the link.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2007/08/09153454/0>

The Chair will have copies available at the Awareness Meeting and Coffee Morning.

