

## NORTH BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL

### PARENT SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MEETING – MINUTES

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018
<b>Venue</b>	Library, NBHS
<b>Purpose</b>	Parent School Partnership Meeting
<b>Present (PSP)</b>	J Leslie, S Begg, E Clark, J Maslen, L Partington, N Thain, D Edmondson, A Clark, R Angel, J Charles, P Cathcart, H Way, C Morrison, L Turnbull, K Dunwoodie, N Bradley, A Entwistle
<b>Apologies</b>	M Lucas A Leckie, M Ingram, L Howe, A Waldman, S Cathcart, S Gemmell, S Spring, R Jones (AHT), J Bloomfield, L Neri (DHT) & L Scott
<b>Staff in Attendance</b>	A Clubb (AC) (ADHT) & F McCallum (FMcC) (DHT)
<b>Pupils in Attendance</b>	H Wightman (Deputy Head Girl)
<b>Clerk</b>	Minutes taken by TA Lonie (TAL) (PSP Clerk)
<b>Circulation</b>	All Parent Forum, Local Councillors
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (focus on digital technology)

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b> J Leslie, (Acting Chair in M Lucas’s absence), welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received as stated above.</p>	<b>Action</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</b> The minutes of meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November were accepted and can now be published on the school website. <b>ACTION:</b> TAL to e-mail copy of minutes to Nikki Collingswood for school website.</p> <p><b>Matters arising –</b> <b>Focus on Mental Health</b> – the school agreed to put the presentation given at the last meeting on the website for all parents. A Clark suggested that the school could invite Nicola Morgan, Author, to speak at the school again as part of the mental health initiative <b>ACTION:</b> F McCallum to communicate with R Garrett, who is organising the Mental Health Day.</p> <p><b>Empowering Schools – A Consultation on the Provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill</b> – S Begg gave an update to the group on the recent meeting that she had attended with Fiona Robertson, Head of Education, on the wide-reaching proposals of the Bill and its implications for East Lothian Council (ELC). Plans propose that the local councils would only manage the HR/legal functions and that they would lose their Head of Education post. It was noted that teachers are very concerned about the proposed</p>	<p>TAL</p> <p>FMcC</p>



5.	<p><b>Focus on Curriculum</b></p> <p>AC handed out a document outlining an overview of the curriculum choices currently on offer to students ranging from National levels to Higher/Advanced Higher levels. The change from eight subjects down to six subjects studied in S4 was discussed and AC stated that results had improved because of this change at all levels and that course choicing had been made easier. The next stage involves timetabling a ‘travel’ column where students can study courses externally at local colleges, (refer to ‘School to College &amp; External Partnership Opportunities’ booklet).</p> <p>A discussion ensued on the advantages and disadvantages of four core subjects in S4, (excluding Maths &amp; English which are compulsory), with issues raised of limiting choice, mental health, overall results, take-up of ‘periphery’ subjects and effect on staffing levels. FMcC noted that there will be a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to discuss curriculum architecture and look at how to prepare S3 students preparing for S4 &amp; course choices.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SMT will provide information at the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March regarding impact on take-up of ‘peripheral subjects’ since reduction in number of National 5s taken in S4 and number of students taking five Highers and relative results profile.</p>	FMcC/ AC
6.	<p><b>Launch of Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) “Cost of the School Day” Resource</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> To be carried forward to the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March – feedback required.</p>	All
7.	<p><b>Future PSP meetings 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b> – Digital technology</li> <li>• <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b> – Developing the Young Workforce</li> <li>• <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b> – Review of PSP progress – School Improvement Plan 2018-2019</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Clark commented on the positive transition from school to the world of work that the opportunities as listed in the booklet ‘School to College &amp; External Opportunities’ could provide for students with a good range of courses available. Transportation to the external venues are currently being looked at by Guidance Staff.</li> <li>• Feedback – J Leslie was keen to give positive feedback on the recent S1 Parents Night, Christmas Ceilidh Dance and fantastic Christmas Concert and asked AC to pass on praise to all staff involved.</li> <li>• Agenda items for next meeting and focus on digital technology as proposed by A Clark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a parent/school charter on use of mobile phones</li> <li>• School policy on mobile phone use including classrooms and around school</li> <li>• Diary/school homework management</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NB: use of digital technology will be discussed at the next SMT (Senior Management Team) meeting in advance of the next PSP meeting on 5 March.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting finished at 20.50</p>	