

## NORTH BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL

### PARENT SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MEETING – MINUTES

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>Venue</b>	Library, NBHS
<b>Purpose</b>	Parent School Partnership Meeting
<b>Present (PSP)</b>	M Lucas, J Maslen, D Edmondson, A Clark, R Angel, L Forrest, H Bradley, H Menzies, A Repping, L Gurney, L Sinclair, H Way, J Massie, N Spring, J Charles, P Cathcart, H Way, C Morrison, L Turnbull, N Bradley, A Entwistle
<b>Apologies</b>	J Leslie, S Begg, E Clark, A Leckie, M Ingram, N Thain, L Partington, L Howe, A Waldman, K Dunwoodie, S Spring, L Neri (DHT) & F McCallum (DHT)
<b>Staff in Attendance</b>	R Jones (AHT), A Clubb (ADHT), J Bloomfield & S Frew
<b>Guests</b>	East Lothian Council: Cllr Jim Goodfellow
<b>Pupils in Attendance</b>	G Holling, (Head Girl), 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018 (focus on developing the workforce)

1.	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Action</b>
	M Lucas (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Apologies were received as stated above.	
2.	<b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</b> The minutes of meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 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.	TAL
3.	<b>Acting Head Teacher's Report</b> R Jones (AHT) gave an update to the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staffing</b> - currently recruiting for a part-time (two days per week) RME teacher and a full-time permanent Languages teacher (Spanish with French). The recent adverse weather conditions have delayed interviews but these have now been re-scheduled. The maternity cover for the Home Economics post has received no applications and will be re-advertised.</li> <li>• <b>INSIGHT</b> – refer to 'NBHS Insight National Benchmarks 2017' document circulated. The data based on leavers in 2017 and released in February shows a very positive set of results for NBHS with 95% of our school leavers going onto</li> </ul>	

	<p>positive destinations and the attainment gap reducing by half as compared to a few years ago. R Jones noted that the school was delighted with these results and with no measures showing any negatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TATLER Magazine</b> – NBHS featured in Tatler Magazine recently as one of the top state schools in the UK. This was motioned in the Scottish Parliament and Michelle Ballantyne, MSP and Councillor Shamin Akhtar will be visiting the school.</li> <li>• <b>Budget</b> – on target. It was noted that approximately £20,000 has been received from the Pupil Equity Fund as a result of 40 pupils signing up for free school meals. This money has gone towards the ‘fresh start’ literacy programme, which is already proving successful with improving pupils reading levels. The remaining funds will be spent on additional counselling and an inclusion fund to help support students to go on school trips, which require some payment contribution. The criteria was confirmed by Cllr Goodfellow of those who claim free school meals rather than those who are entitled and for each student £1,200 is given to the Pupil Equity Fund. It was noted that it would be good to raise awareness via social media to ensure funds are received for those children that are entitled.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Focus on Digital Technology</b></p> <p>S Frew, Head of Business &amp; Computing Department, gave a presentation on the use of digital technology at NBHS and circulated documents referring to use of google classrooms, mobile phones and guide to connected learning at NBHS. A good lengthy discussion ensued on the advantages and disadvantages of access to devices at school with particular focus on the use of mobile phones in the classroom and around the school. This has become a global debate with France recently banning mobile phones in school. It is of particular concern for the younger students who find it harder to self-regulate their use of mobile phones with also the issue of ‘no escape’ from social media for all students.</p> <p>R Angel submitted a folder of research, which highlights links with mobile phone use and mental health issues. It was agreed that we need to gain a clear picture of the possible impact of mobile phones on our pupils learning and that focus should be on the equipment needs of the school with a measured approach to achieving a good balance.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Carry out a parental survey to gain collective vision on way forward. Connect to Mental Health Week (w/b 19/3/18). Consider trial of ‘no mobile phones in classroom’ policy. Consult teachers, colleagues and look at examples of schools, which have banned mobiles. Feedback at our meeting on 23 April from both school and PSP members. Agree next steps – keep on agenda.</p>	All
5.	<p><b>Launch of Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) “Cost of the School Day” Resource</b></p> <p>R Jones confirmed that the school was looking at this and it was agreed that this would come off the agenda for PSP.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Future PSP meetings 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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</li> </ul> <p>- School Improvement Plan 2018-2019</p>	

7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dining Room Update</b> - A Clubb has now received a quote to move the till sockets in the Dining Room and this will go head to allow three more tables to fit in accommodating 30 more children (x 10 per table). R Jones enquired about comments from the children regarding lunchtimes and it was noted that queuing times had now improved. The school is also working on replacing the plastic cutlery provided with metal cutlery given the concerns at present over plastic waste issues.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b> The meeting finished at 20.50</p>	