

NORTH BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 JUNE 2022 in SCHOOL

Parent Members: A Beedel (Chair)
S Wellwood (Vice Chair)
K Dunwoodie
L Gurney
C Jones
H Way
T Heal
A Clark
J Meikle

Other Parents: L Forrest, J Massie, D Edmondson, K Murray.

Apologies: L Johnston

Staff Members: M Moore, Head Teacher
R Jones

A Cosgrove, Clerk.

Before the Meeting began, members visited the Canteen, where the manager showed them round and explained the contents of school meals. He advised of the nutritional requirements around Scottish Government guidelines, which applied to provision of processed meat, and also the reduced sugar content of some foods available. Parents were able to taste filled rolls and dessert items.

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting would be circulated.

2. **Head Teacher's Report**

School Improvement Priorities:

Ms Moore referred to the National Improvement Framework which formed the outline of School Improvement Plan, and the three East Lothian Council priorities of:

- The Curriculum meeting the needs of all learners
- Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion across the school at all levels
- Leadership at all levels : this aligned with the school plans, especially leadership in S3.

Ms Moore added that the school values had been updated just prior to her arrival, and all schools were encouraged to think about a curriculum to suit each school. Noted that support for all pathways for pupils required to be in place, not just those going on to higher education.

She went on to explain the rationale for the curriculum, and that pupils' focus groups were involved in discussions. Current thinking was to keep the existing priorities and to make the curriculum relevant.

Parents took part in a group exercise examining priorities and selecting those they thought most relevant.

Survey Results: 44 responses had been received, of which a number had mentioned school trips. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. **Schedule of Meetings for Next Session:**

The following dates were agreed for next session:

8 September, 25 October, 22 November, 10 January, 21 March, 27 April, 13 June. It was agreed that every second meeting would be online, with the September meeting in the School to view the extension works and to hold the AGM.

On Friday 2 September, there would be a P7/S1 Open Afternoon, and the Parent Council could hold a stall there. Parents would be reminded of this in an Update email. The PTA could also have a stall.

Format of Meetings: It was agreed that there would be a Faculty Head presentation at each meeting, and the Depute Head Teachers would rotate at meetings, discussing their areas of expertise. Letters would be sent to parents at the start of the new term, informing them about the Parent Council.

Other item on the agenda for the next meeting: Area of ground reserved for educational use and whether this was available for the School.

4. AOCB

Ms Moore noted that the School Uniform Bank was already well used.

The S6 parents evening had gone well.

The School Expansion was progressing towards the August completion date. While the buildings were expected to be finished, there may still be some finishing off to do in non essential classrooms. The outdoor eating area would be covered over.

Date of Next Meeting – 8 September.