

Parent Council Meeting
Minutes : Tuesday 21st March 2017

Present: Mark Cockburn, Jaqueline Baird, Angela Ritchie, Sandra Fannon, Anne Runciman, Linda Irvine, Pauline Allison (HT)

Minutes of previous meeting 31st January 2017 approved.

1. S6 Leavers

HT met with Head Boy & Head Girl to discuss options for activities for last day of school. Those suitable will be considered and the 2 most popular with students will be put forward.

PE Department:

HT still awaiting information regarding questions raised .

Claire Davy taken up position of Acting PTC at Bathgate Academy

2. Head Teachers Report

(i) Staffing

Long term absence: H Mark, C Greenhalgh, L Lawn

C Davey – Acting PTC Support at Bathgate Academy

A Ruffles – taking up Sfl post at The James Young High School

(ii) News

- S3/4 handball team who retained the West Lothian handball shield
- Scottish Gymnastics Finals in Perth - Level 1 team and level 2 were awarded Bronze.
- The Deans Windband were awarded Gold in the finals of the Scottish Concert Band Festival in Perth

The Deans Cluster band (made up of some of our younger pupils and pupils from the cluster primaries) were also awarded Gold in their category.

3. School session dates

Parents council were given draft school session dates for 2018.

Feedback is that the information for few schools who have different Monday holiday (rather than end of May) could be made clearer in session outline.

4. Pupil Equity Funding

P Allison gave a presentation on the Pupil Equity Fund

Funding awarded direct to schools from Scottish Government.

With effect from 1/4/17

New to all schools that qualify and although each school individual in ways they can use funding, 3% of each cluster school award to be paid in together "(one pot") to work in partnership and share ideas, resources etc

Most effective ideas on ways in which this funding could be used to improve attainment
HT looking for a steering group to be made up of teachers, parents, students to discuss and consider options of best use.

Possibilities can range from attendance officer appointment to cooking skills being given.

All must be continually evaluated to measure success

Anyone interested should contact HT .

5. **A.O.C.B.**

Merits / D Merits

Still inconsistencies across board as to what these are given for.

Staff do have flexibility to decide themselves however HT takes comment on board.

Smoking

Strictly no smoking in school grounds policy. Any pupil found to be smoking will be referred to SMT for disciplinary action

Study Leave

Letters will be issued to students who are entitled to study leave for forthcoming Nat 5 & Higher exams

Date of Next Meeting

30.5.17 at 6pm