

Minutes of Broughton High School Parent Council Management Support Group

13 October 2009

Present: Graeme Robertson (chair), Alan Ness (minutes), Lesley Johnston, Morag Riley, Eilidh Steele, David Martin (start of meeting).

Apologies: Hugh Duffy, Katie Sturgeon, Tom Christie, Arthur McIvor.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

As this was the first meeting of the new session there were no minutes or matters arising.

2. Representation on Edinburgh Parent Council Network and Consultative Committee With Parents

With regard to the CCWP: Katie had said that she would attend. Graeme will speak to Arthur to see if he'll attend the EPCN. If not, Eilidh or Alan will consider doing so.

Action: Graeme

3. Management Support Group Objectives

Graeme will circulate the information on the leaflet used at the AGM to the rest of the group for approval.

Action: Graeme

4. Membership

As above plus Head Boy/Head Girl. Graeme will draft a letter for Arthur to send to councillors, suggesting that they share attendance at our various groups. Also a letter to the Inverleith Community Council asking if they will attend the full Parent Council.

Action: Graeme/Arthur

5. Edinburgh Parent's Conference

Graeme attended this meeting on Curriculum for Excellence. It proved interesting though with no new information. Graeme was then nobbled to attend a national conference at Stirling. He discovered that Edinburgh is lagging behind in this area.

6. Royston Closure

Graeme attended a public meeting and he has distributed a submission regarding this to other members of the group. With minor changes, he will go ahead and send this to the Children and Families Department and elected officials.

Action: Graeme

7. Head Teacher's Report

Lesley reported on:

Curriculum for Excellence - how it relates to BHS; principle of collegiate working; the school's faculty system.

Staff Survey – discussed areas for improvement.

Small increase in staffing – providing extra support here and there.

Success of the film making group – invited to festivals.

Improvement Plan – some reprioritising, including GLOW pilot now happening.

House Student Councils – difficulty getting students to attend.

Budget – still very tight, partly due to large utility bills. Probable 5% cut next year.

New Building Snagging – still working through list.

School Lets – not making income targets. This will improve when the new sports pitches become available.

ESOL students – there are over 100 students in the school for whom English is not their first language.

8. Parents' Evening

P7 Parents' Evening on 11 November. Tom will take the display boards and members of the Broughton Association will organise refreshments. Other volunteers would be welcome, however, to talk about the Parent Council.

9. Careers event

Idea for event where rather than boring displays we have parents talking about the jobs that they do. This would be timed to feed into course choices. We need a school rep and a parent rep to organise this. Morag volunteered from the school side and Eilidh from the parent side.

Action: Morag/Eilidh

10. Detention Policy

Lesley discussed the idea of keeping students back for ten to fifteen minutes to talk to their teacher after some misdemeanour. The group thought this was fine. Lesley will distribute to wider group via Graeme for comments – to be discussed at full PC on 28th.

11. Date of Next Meeting

10 November 2009