

Bannerman Parent Council AGM, 30 April 2024

1. Welcome

2. Treasurer's Statement

Ruth reported the bank account had successfully been transferred and online banking had been setup too. The current signatories are Ruth, Kirsty and Lynne.

Current balance for the account is £1819.44, this includes a compensatory payment of £300 from RBS as well as interest. It is expected the PC will receive £400 annual payment from Glasgow City Council in May. To date there has been no spend from the account.

3. Election of Office Bearers 2024/25

The parents of the parent council were happy to re-elect Kirsty Black as Chair and Ruth Matheson as Treasurer. Lynne Kernweiss will help as secretary when required.

4. School Update

SB reported;

- MCR post may not be going, however the current post-holder is on long-term sick leave.
- Due to funding cuts the equivalent of 1 FTE will be lost. SB said this should not have impact as it will be mitigated as there are currently a few members of staff who have applied for flexible or reduced working patterns to improve work/life balance. There will be no extra staff.
- There will be a vacancy in the English dept come August. There will also be a couple of staff on Maternity leave. In both cases recruitment will go ahead.
- Funding cuts will not have an impact on school placement requests. SB said not much more could be reported on this as there are currently appeals taking place. Current school roll is approx. 1215 pupils.
- Exams. The pupils in the upper school are currently sitting their exams, all coursework was submitted and completed to a high standard.
- The graduation ceremony was held on 21 April and continues to grow in popularity and success from when it started. The first year it was held only 20 or 30 pupils and their parents attended.
- Relationships Policy, SB has a plan.

FK reported

- Bannerman was the only school invited to attend the Scottish Government's Anti-Racism Summit in Edinburgh. 6 or 7 pupils will attend with FK and will meet with the First Minister (Humza Yousaf or John Swinney?) to discuss their experiences.
- The Parent and Carers Learning event is looking to expand on its success and is looking to offer lots of new events in the new school year. The Fakeaway sessions are still the most popular by far.
- S3 Parents Evening will have a new look. For the first time staff will be based in the games hall and some of the surrounding sports halls and class rooms. FK is looking for feedback from parents/carers to see how well it worked and what could be improved. Both SB and FK said if more in-depth discussions (one that will take more than 5mins) is required the teacher should ask the parent/carer to contact the school to arrange an appointment or telephone call. Ruth said some teachers are not following this as it has taken her around 6months to get a teacher to discuss an issue. SB said she would have discussions with staff regarding Communication expectations between the school and parents.

5. School Website

There has been no progress with this however, FK has managed to find a contact for Gateway and will try to contact them.

6. Schedule for 2024/25. All meetings will be held at 18³⁰

- 27 August 2024
- 08 October 2024
- 10 December 2024
- 11 February 2025
- 25 March 2025 (AGM?)
- 06 May 2025