Bannerman High School Parent Council Minutes

Date	25 th March 2025
Location	Bannerman High School
Present	Michelle Dickson, Ruth Mathieson, Lynne Kernweiss, Tara Rasheed, Uju Nnawke, Kirsty Black, Jess Kandulu, S. Black (HT), F. Kerr (DHT)

3	Apologies Treasurer's Statement • £17.52 out of account for school lets. £2230.87 balance. • Account to be upgraded to allow online access. • MD to be added as a signatory. Election of Office Bearers Kirsty Black – Chair Ruth Mathieson – Treasurer Michelle Dickson - Secretary Review of previous minutes • Bleed kit costs were provided to S. Black. • RM to purchase 4 kits. 1 for first aid. 1 for home economics dept. 1 for tech dept. 1 for PE to take to out of school events eg football tournaments. • F Kerr to check whether PE department have a first aid kit for tournaments as this might be another purchase from PC funds.	Action Owner RM RM & MD RM FK
5	 Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher Update Teacher recruitment and retention is an ongoing challenge across most schools. School has a temporary Maths teacher in place until Easter. Recruitment underway for teachers in Drama, Modern Languages and Mathematics. Exam diet about to begin, with any remaining assignments due end of next week. Masterclass programme will run again during study leave. Dates and information to be sent via teams and email closer to the time. Pupils are welcome into school during study leave for support either every day or on an ad hoc basis. For ad hoc help, pupils can see teachers in their normal timetabled class times. School uniform must be work when attending school, this includes for exams. 	

	 Study leave begins 25/4/26. S6 graduation is 24/4/25. F. Kerr is considering have an S5 graduation and is currently considering suitable dates. Further communication will follow. 	FK
	 S4/5 starting to build timetables. S2 option choice process is also now underway. Teachers are likely to be available in school after exam results to support pupils who may wish to change their option as a consequence of their results. Dates and times will be confirmed in June. At the end of study leave (beginning of June), senior phase 	SB & FK
	 pupils will start their new timetable of subjects Whilst every effort is made to ensure pupils can study their preferred subjects, it has not been possible to accommodate pupils wishing to study both Higher Physics and Chemistry next year due to low numbers seeking this combination. Easter school is not running but the Mates Easter Programme will run. F Kerr to firm up dates and times and communicate these via email. A tartan skirt has been added to the Bannerman uniform and is now available for purchase 	FK
6	Dates for next session 26/08/25 07/10/25 18/11/25 13/01/26 10/03/26 (AGM) 05/05/26	
7	Parent Council Connect Update	
	Parent council are invited to complete a travel survey.	
	Free training opportunities for parent council members.	KB
	KB to share links via email.	
8	AOCB	
	LK suggested PC funds could be used to purchase boots for Duke of Edinburgh pupils. FK will speak to Miss McDonald and invite her to contact the PC for consideration	FK
	LK also highlighted the need for a gazebo for race days and Miss Pettigrew is also invited to contact the PC for consideration.	
	Date of next meeting: 06/05/2025	