

Baxter High Parent Council

Minutes of the meeting of Bell Baxter High School Parent Council held on Thursday 22nd November 2007 at 7.00 p.m. in the Café Bar.

Welcome and Apologies – Mr. Black welcomed the group to the first meeting of the Parent Council.

1. Election of Office Bearers

Mr. Black wrote to all interested parties who attended any of the meetings of the Parent Forum inviting them to become parent members or register interest to become a co-opted member. The following nominations for office bearers were received:

Chair Neil Millar
Treasurer Neil Millar and Carole Patrick
Secretary None

The group agreed Neil Millar as Chair and Carole Patrick as Treasurer for the coming year.

There were no nominations for Secretary. The group agreed Sylvia McNaught as Clerk to the Parent Council.

2. Format

The school has a Pupil Council with representatives from all year groups. The group agreed to invite two members of the Parent Council, Hugh Martin to contact.

Bell Baxter staff; Hugh Martin (Depute Rector) Fiona Scanlon (Pupil Services Manager) and Carron Pour (Teacher) were invited to join as co-opted members of the Council.

Discussion took place on other co-opted members. The group agreed they were not in a position to consider other co-opted members at this stage, to be discussed at a later meeting. Agreed to provide Local Councillors with agendas and minutes.

3. Information

Information packs were distributed to the group. The Scottish government also provide a website which offers a lot of information www.sptc.info

The school website will introduce a new area for the Parent Council, this will hold information and previous minutes. Neil Millar to prepare a Chairman's welcome message.

Agreed to establish a Parent Council email address for all parents to access.

4. Financial matters from P.T.A.

Discussion took place on the P.T.A. and the work done over recent years. The P.T.A. will now need to dissolve but has ongoing matters that need to be addressed. The P.T.A. will require a four weeks notice of a general meeting to dissolve.

The P.T.A. currently have two bank accounts, these accounts would need to be closed and monies transferred to the Parent Council account(s) when appropriate.

The Bell Baxter 500+ is a monthly lottery scheme run by the P.T.A. Work needs to be done to regenerate this but there is potential to raise funds.

The P.T.A. have provided a refreshments service at parents evenings throughout the year.

A booking has been made at the Corn Exchange for Saturday 16th February to hold a coffee morning to raise funds. Suggestions that the Young Enterprise or Charities group pupils could be involved with this.

Carole Patrick, Jackie Harley and Alan ? agreed to work with Fiona Scanlon and Carron Pour on the transfer of P.T.A. activities/funds to the Parent Council.

5. Artificial Pitch for Bell Baxter

Mr. Black gave a brief history of the proposal for an All Weather Pitch at Bell Baxter.

The group discussed writing a letter to the Education Service to support the school.

6. AOCB

- General Teaching Council Code of Conduct for Teachers paper is currently out for consultation. This paper can be accessed at www.gtcs.org.uk/codeconsultation all comments to be received by the end of November.
- P7 Parents' Evening held on Wednesday 26th November at 7pm.

7. Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

Thursday 17th January 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Mr. Black to give an overview of the school.

Sylvia McNaught
Clerk to the Parent Council

22nd November 2007.