

BRAES HIGH SCHOOL
Parent Council 29.1.26

Present – K MacKinnon (Chair), M Taylor (Treasurer), Cllr Paterson, M Lang, L Porter, J Tawn, J Ormsby, D Yeates, I Livingstone

Apologies – Cllr Hannah, Cllr Robertson, K Baird, J Snedden

1. Previous minute

The previous minute was agreed as accurate.

2. Matters arising

- Holocaust Memorial – noted that this will be an interactive exercise with S1 pupils, led by senior pupils.
- EIS possible strike action – noted that there is no further update on this.
- Parent Council Chairpersons' meeting – K MacKinnon noted that co-chairs have been elected to lead this group (Chairs of Comely Park PS and St Mungo's HS)

3. Sports Council

Tane, Megan and Sophie presented with enthusiasm and detail on the considerable work of the Sports Council, highlighting their influence over decision- making in this area, the forthcoming Sportathon, and the increasing levels of participation, notable amongst girls.

4. Pupil Voice Group

Findlay, Fern, Daisy and Tane offered a comprehensive update on the work of the Pupil Voice Group. In particular, the group's work on promoting period dignity and raising awareness of the current school transport consultation.

5. Self Evaluation Leaders

Christopher, Tane and Abbie introduced approaches the school improvement planning, highlighting their role in lesson visits and support professional learning. The group also noted changes in pupil response from the regular check-in surveys that take place focused on different aspects of classroom practice.

Darren Yeates followed this input with an outline of the process for putting together and agreeing the school improvement priorities for next session, seeking the input of the Parent Council on this.

Action – Parent Council to consider being involved with young people in agreeing priorities for next session.

6. Curriculum 2026/27

I Livingstone updated on plans for the curriculum next session, highlighting the focus on increasing choice for S6 pupils. Supporting pupils through the process of studying courses in other schools was also discussed, noting that there will be no taxi transport for this next session. Thee drive to increase the online offer for young people was noted.

7. School transport consultation

The current consultation on the removal of school buses currently supporting pupils from Maddiston and Shieldhill was discussed, with the following points among those made :

- The promotion of the survey with young people and parents/carers
- The contrast between this provision and that in other school areas
- Concerns over alternative transport in the Braes area
- Concerns over the topography of the area and the designated walking routes
- The possibility of an earlier start and finish to the school day should the change happen
- As well as the consultation, parents should consider contacting their local councillors ahead of the budget meeting.

K MacKinnon agreed to respond to the consultation on behalf of the parent council reflecting the views and points raised at this and previous meetings.

8. Dux Medal

The Parent Council agreed to fund this year's Dux Medal.

9. Accounts

Matt is seeking someone to review and approx. the accounts and will advertise hits role further.