

Bruntsfield Parent Council meeting 24 August 2022 (via zoom)

Attendance

Opening and apologies

- RC opened the meeting noting it was quorate.
- RC welcomed everyone back to the new term and welcomed all the new parents and carers.
- We want to use this meeting to discuss the PC, how it works and opportunities to get involved.
- The Minutes from 14 June 2022 were approved

Clubs update (SS)

- Busy summer with lots of new clubs on the way.
- Only clubs with capacity are showing on the website – to avoid disappointing website.
- Clubs start w/c 28 August and emails to parents will go out over the weekend. If you don't receive an email and are expecting one then contact Stefan at bruntsfieldclubs@gmail.com
- Please treat our clubs tutors and volunteers with respect – they have been working very hard.
- If your child can't attend, please get in touch with club organiser so we know not to expect them.
- Many thanks to Piotr for all his efforts behind the scenes.

Headteacher update (SG)

- SG gave huge thanks to SS and team for the work on clubs – it is above and beyond what SG expected
- SG has had a lovely first week, good time with staff – very enthusiastic and have been very welcoming
- SG spoke to all the children into the hall to welcome them and give a welcome message.
- SG has been getting to know staff and parents and he is hoping everyone comes up for a chat.
- Any small niggles do ask SG but do also book a time with the office if you need longer.
- SG looking at options for parents to come into the school
- Teddy Bears' picnic is a great opportunity to meet P1 parents.
- SG and SLT is planning a meet the teacher event on 14 September 4-5.30 where he will introduce himself and let the children show parents round the classes and the school and help to visualise children's learning

- More details to follow
- School won gold rights respecter awards – celebration to come.
- Looking at redesigning the foyer – needs some improvement and school children will be involved.
- SG meeting with Jenni on Friday to discuss school comms and to make sure parents and carers get the right information in the right way and how best to use the app.
- Parent consultations will come up on the 3rd and 6th October on the 'phone. February consultations will be in person.
- SG commented on the cost-of-living crisis and asked parents to direct people to the school (Ms Nicol) as they can help with essentials for children (through Pupil Equity Fund).
- Don't forget the school uniform donations to the office and school uniform honesty box shop - thanks to Anna for organising - no expectation to raise funds.
- LG introduced herself to SG and explained the work she and LL and the playground group are progressing for the schools outside space. SG is very keen to support that project and share ideas.
- Thanks to Chris and team of volunteers to keep the plants alive

Teddy Bear picnic (26 August)

- RC reminded everyone about the Teddy Bears' picnic
- Great opportunity to meet other parents.
- Our first in-school event post-pandemic i.e. since December 2019
- Thanks to Alison and team for organising.

Parent Council 2022/23

- We need a new Chair and Secretary for the AGM.
- We would like to get a child protection role into the clubs team too.
- And we're really keen for more people to be involved whatever your interests as your interests will drive forward the role of the PC.
- RC asked the attendees for ideas on what the PC could do more of or less of and Jenni shared a presentation on the PC and its role and the opportunities it provides.
- LG suggested a list of all the roles within and connected to the PC so people understand.
- RC agreed and she will take this forward with Jenni.
- There is also a survey on options for events – it's a new start – please let us know your idea for events.
- RC asked anyone who was interested to send a quick email so the PC could follow-up
- Jenni spoke about all the opportunities for events and made clear that there is no need to re-run events from the past – anything is possible.
- JF spoke about how he became involved to help with website and he and LG spoke about the skillset amongst the community and how you can get involved on specific projects or tasks and take it from there. LG hoped that the changes in communications would help drive involvement.
- A+ group is being discussed and we hope it will return. SG keen to work with Zaki and Ms Dobie to understand how to take forward the work done already and how to allow it evolve.
- Shanda explained how funding applications worked and encouraged everyone to think about how they might develop projects (especially in the context of A+)

Please get involved.

Next meeting

- Tuesday 27 September 2022 (+AGM).