

BELMONT ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL
Minute of Annual General Meeting
Belmont Academy Conference/E-Learning Room
Wednesday 27th September 2023



Present: Susan Bell (chair), Kirsty Ramsay, Kevin Boyd, Graeme McLean, Karen Harley, Emma Brown, Lynsey Pollock, Heather Knox, Josephine Docherty, Jonathan Hagen, Emily Hamilton, Lyssa McCartney, Lorna Russell, Kirsty Thomson, David Bulloch, Pamela Gray

Apologies: David Codling, Karen McGimpsey, Mark Barnard, Lesley Strain, Rosemary Logie, Ian Watson.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (28th Sep 2022)

The minutes of the last AGM were approved by Graeme and Heather.

2. Chairperson's Report

Susan thanked everyone for being part of the parent council and stressed how important and worthwhile their contribution was to the school. She ran through the events where members had helped out and stressed how much this was appreciated.

3. Head Teacher Report (provided by Kevin)

Thank you

I would like to formally thank Mr Steve Anderson DHT for his incredible service to our school and the local authority. In 1989 Mr Anderson took up his APT Maths post at Mainholm Academy. He then took up a PTG post before undertaking a two-year secondment with SAC with a remit that included developing Higher Still.

Mr Anderson then started at Belmont in September 2001 as Assistant Head Teacher before this changed to Depute Head Teacher.

Mr Anderson has made a significant contribution to the success of our school, making Belmont Academy the special place it is today. He has made a difference to the lives of our young people, families and colleagues over 22 years at Belmont Academy we wish him a well-deserved, long, healthy and happy retirement.

Staffing

There has been a fairly significant change in staffing in my year and a half in post. I am delighted that several members of staff have gained promotion to permanent post and this reflects the tremendous activity that takes place in our Staff Leadership programme. This has led to five permanent PT posts requiring to be filled and these upcoming appointments will be crucially important to our continuous improvement journey.

Communication

Whilst more work is required to improve whole school communication, we are delighted to be in a position to launch our new school website. This, along with the SAC change to using the Parent Portal, will support the delivery of our communication strategy. Mr Mclean will continue to lead this important area of our work.



Attainment & Achievement

We continue to deliver positive outcomes for young people across a wide range of key performance measures. Our positive and sustained destination figures continue to be sector leading and reflects the positive partnerships we have and our collaborative approach. I would like to personally thank members of the Parent Council and the wider parental forum for their ongoing support.

Thank you

On behalf of the Belmont Academy school community I would like to thank Kirsty Ramsay, Secretary PC, for her incredible service to our school.

4. Treasurer Report (David Bulloch)

Report not received

5. Parent Council Members / Office Bearers

Chairperson – Susan Bell. Proposer Heather Knox Seconder David Bulloch.

Vice Chairperson – Emma Brown. Proposer Pamela Gray, Seconder Graeme McLean.

Treasurer – David Bulloch. Proposer Lorna Russell, Seconder Josephine Docherty.

Secretary - Josephine Docherty – Proposer David Bulloch, Seconder Emma Brown.

Catering Convenor – Pending.

It was agreed that as the catering convenor is not a required post for a parent council that all Members would pitch in to help out until someone came forward to offer to take on the role.

Kirsty updated that as well as herself leaving Emma Smith had also left due to her son no longer being at the school. This leaves 15 existing parent members with 2 or more each for each year group S2 – S6 (x4 S6, x5 S5, x2 S4, x3 S3, x3 S2).

Two new S1 parent members attended and 2 others have expressed an interest but could not attend the AGM.

Susan asked for the constitution to be sent with the minute of the AGM (attached).

The next AGM will be held on 25th September 2024.