

Earlston High School Parent Council meeting and AGM (via MS Teams) Thursday 11 May 2023

MB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Developing the Young Workforce

Amy Hamilton (DYW coordinator) presented the work being done at EHS to prepare young people for the world of work including activities such as:

- Work placements
- Employer visits and talks
- Careers events
- Mock interviews
- Business tasks and entrepreneurial competitions

It was noted that the recent S3 work experience programme had gone well and a pilot programme with NHS Borders has been successful.

Other examples of recent successes included:

- Maths is the workplace: Morrisons Construction doing workshops on real life maths applications.
- Scottish apprenticeship week: Modern Apprenticeship students and staff from Borders College visiting then school to showcase learner journeys.

PC members were asked to help build the DYW network by:

- Encouraging young people to look for DYW opportunities
- Follow DYW activity on social media

Head Teacher Report

JM was pleased to note, as above, that that S3 work experience programme has gone well. There will be a focus on S3 curriculum design to ensure it is purposeful.

The PC was thanked for its work with special thanks noted to MB. Going forward it was planned to have a hybrid approach to PC meetings.

The S1 parents' evening was taking place on 18 May. PC members who were available on the evening to do promotion work for the PC were asked to contact the school.

As an example of the activities in which the school was involved, it was noted that EHS had been selected to represent Scotland at a world rugby event, supported by Melrose Rugby Club and SRU.

Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

The PC bank balance stood at £5065.85.

It was noted that the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer were stepping down. Particular thanks were noted to MB for her work with other PC chairs to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Volunteers for Chair, Vice Chair or Treasurer were asked to contact MB or the school.