

# Stirling High School Parent Council

## Meeting 10 June 2013 held at 7pm SHS Conference Room

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**Present:** Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Sybil Lang, Ross Burton, Pat Scullion, Amanda Lyskey, Lesley McAleenan, Linda Farquhar, Alistair Cowper

1. **Apologies:** JM, NR, RN and VW.
2. **Approval of last minutes:** approved
3. **Matters Arising:** agreed that the agenda covered all matters for discussion
4. **Treasurer's Report:** No change since last time
5. **Head Teacher's Report:** School activities include the following –
  - Duke of Edinburgh (S3) – about 40 pupils now involved
  - Aqualab (aquaboxes) for charity in Africa
  - Race for Life (9 May)
  - Basketball Tournament – we now have pupils in the national team
  - Young Enterprise final (18 June)
  - Times Educational Supplement science awards (5 July)
  - New timetable starts 10 June
  - Fire safety talk 11 June
  - Junior Games - S1 at The Peak (13 June)
  - Alton Towers seniors trip (14 June)
  - Final of Young Enterprise (18 June)
  - Primary Induction days
  - Enterprise Car Hire – (new partner) Assessment Centre for careers (20 June)
  - Disaster Challenge for P7 (21 June)
  - Cupcake Friday (21 June)
  - Duke of Edinburgh expeditions 21/22 June
  - High School Musical 25/26 June
  - Beach Party/ Sports Day/ Mass Dance 27 June

- China trip leaves 28 June
- Education Award 5 July
- Exam Results 6 August
- Junior Prize Giving 11 June
- End of term 28 June

**Study Leave** – Discussion as to whether Study leave should be given to all children whether or not they are sitting exams. General objections raised to giving children “free” time off. Could it be used for career development/work placements or project work?

6. **Pupil Council:** Next meeting is in September

7. **Head Boy/Girl’s Report:** N/A

8. **Parent Council:**

- **Budgets and Finance** – PL circulated draft letter to other PCs. Agreed to go ahead and arrange meeting with the other City High School PCs (Wallace, Bannockburn and St Modans)
- **Fund Raising** – Still to create regular events and target list. The whole school walk up Dumyat will be the end of year focus in June 2014. Draft letter to parents regarding fund raising circulated. Agreed to send to parents at the beginning of next term.
- **Advertising** – discussion about using web site and school screens for advertising events. Journal for City schools could be a vehicle.
- **CAT test** – PL’s son Ben is organising a presentation to senior pupils, along with others from last year’s leavers

9. **Events and Correspondence:**

- Literature received on the new exams; National 4 and 5 English
- Parent Involvement and CfE conference on May 18 cancelled
- Lisa McCabe becomes the new Parental Involvement Officer
- Literature received from the Parental Complaints Officer; Parental Complaints leaflet and “Moving Classes and How Learning is organised in Schools”

10. **AOCB:**

- **Seating** – discussed buying four benches at £350 each
- PS thanked the PC for their contribution this year
- Neil Ross leaves the PC after his last child leaves the school this year. Thanks to Neil for his many contributions to the meetings and organised events
- Leavers antics – discussion about how the celebrations can be better organised

11. **Next Meeting:** 26 August 2013