

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 26 August 2013 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Sybil Lang, Ross Burton, Pat Scullion, Amanda Lynskey, Lesley McAleenan, Richard Norman, Alistair Cowper, Frances Archibald, Robert Clafferty(pt), Wendy Morrison, Vicki Wilson, Scott MacArthur, Jennifer Paterson

1. **Apologies:** JM
2. **Approval of last minutes:** approved
3. **Matters Arising:** Belinda Greer is leaving to take up a post in Hong Kong
4. **Treasurer's Report:** £1,302.79
5. **Head Teacher's Report:**
 - **Budgets** – The school has experienced the usual volumes of leavers and joiners. Four staff left to take up more senior positions and were replaced. There are nine probationary teachers in place and the staffing is up to strength. Savings have been made by restricting the use of printers
 - **SQA Results** – The S5 results were disappointing this year, but it followed a similar pattern to the same group in S4 last year. Improvements have been made by targeting “at risk” groups and resourcing close support
 - **School Improvement Plan** – PL requested that the PC have time to understand and comment upon 1-2 sections in the year
 - **Wireless Access** – proposed approach to encourage pupils with their own laptops to bring them to school to use as a study aid. Internet access will be available via the WiFi network but no access will be given to the school network. School laptops will have full access. A pilot will run until Christmas and then it is the intention for other schools to follow. A discussion about monitoring useage ensued. What is the the type of monitoring used and set up? Noted that there will be a maximum of 1500 users across all the High Schools
6. **Pupil Council:**
 - Thursday 7th Nov period 2 (10.12 – 11.03)
 - Friday 6th Dec period 3 (11.18 – 12.10)
 - Tuesday 14th Jan period 4 (12.10 – 13.00)
 - Tuesday 18th Feb period 6 (2.37 – 3.30)
 - Monday 17th Mar period 3 (11.18 – 12.10)

7. **Head Boy/Girl's Report:**

There has been a meeting with Torbrex Community Council regarding dog fouling. It was agreed to limit dog walking on the playing field to pre 9am and post 6pm. Material to be prepared for distribution (CP will contribute). Signs to be installed.

There will be a campaign – “Grab it, bag it, bin it” in support of Keep Scotland Beautiful 30 September- 13 October. Perhaps a member of the Council could attend and speak? Discussion regarding monitoring success. Pupils will survey the field and mark each incidence with spray paint, and continue on a regular basis.

8. **Parent Council:**

- **Fund Raising** – Targets are three sets of outside seating (£1,050) and 10 Notebooks for ICT (£2,500). Total £3,550. Additional funds could be aimed at inclusive activities such as the school photograph or gifts for achievement. Pupil Council will be asked to provide their suggestions. Fund raising letter to be issued
- **School Uniform** – Wendy Morrison suggested that the PC should start a second hand uniform initiative. This is to be developed for discussion at the next meeting
- **AGM** – agreed to go ahead with 23 September as a standalone meeting. Refreshments will be available

9. **Events and Correspondence:**

- SEPA correspondence regarding SHS pupils valuable contribution to environmental matters
- NPF Conference 5 October

10. **AOCB:**

- CP raised the issue of alcohol awareness. PS confirmed that this was part of the school program with teachers attending PSE (personal and social education). Talks are given by Alcoholics Anonymous. It was suggested that someone from the caring sector should give a talk. Smoking outside the school was mentioned as an issue
- Web Site – Needs a refresh and update

11. **Next Meeting:** 2 Dec 2013 then -

- 20 Jan 2014
- 10 March 2014
- 28 April 2014
- 9 June 2014