

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 5 September 2016 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

1. **Apologies:** RN and KH
2. **Present:** PL, PC, AH, IW, RB, AM, SP, WP, GO'M, RP, ME, FA, FS, PD, MF
3. **Approval of last minutes:** approved
4. **Matters Arising:** None raised
5. **Treasurer's Report:** As before
6. **Head Teacher's Report:**
 - Numeracy – Paul Downie presented on the numeracy initiative which has been set up following disappointing results in both primary and secondary schools. Funding of £50,000 has been secured to develop a confident and numerate learning community. Both parents and pupils will be involved, specifically targeting those who find numeracy a significant challenge. There will be a web site to hold all the materials and tools. (note that numeracy cards can be found in the pupil planner).
 - SQA Results – PC summarised the year's results so far. Final calibration of the scores is awaited.
 - Chrome Books – AH demonstrated the new equipment which is being given to S1 pupils. Then they will be rolled out to all pupils one year at a time. Home/School Agreement is being issued to parents to record the terms and conditions of using a Chrome Book. The pupils will be able to take them home and use them for study wherever they are. The machine has a life expectancy of six years and uses Google Drive, cloud storage and Office 365. There is no hard drive.
 - Uniform – the school has made a push at the start of term to reinforce the school uniform policy. This has been effective so far and will be maintained. As well as the PC Unicycle initiative, there are grants for families in poor circumstances and Logo Express donates uniforms if families are unable to afford them. Spirit Design on Springkerse Industrial Estate offers blazers at £30 compared to £32.50 at Logo Express.
 - School Expectations – PC has launched five criteria for what is expected of a pupil including a formal framework for detention periods
 - Access to toilets – PC confirmed that the toilets are open all day. He will ensure that deputies arrange to inform the assemblies to avoid any confusion in the future.
7. **Pupil Council:** The Pupil Council is in the process of being formed for the new year.
8. **Head Boy/Girl's Report:** Anna Pollock and Sam Hird are the new Head Girl and Head Boy.

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- The Hub – IW spoke on the start-up process. Fund raising will be targeted for educational purposes. The body will be separate from the PC. The first year will be spent raising funds, working on ideas for pupils and planning for the future. Stirling Council is supportive as it complements the 21st Century Learning initiative. Money will be raised through events, donations and sponsorship. There are opportunities with private companies for funding. IW will now start to put the committee together and aim for the first event, a Winter Fete.
- PI proposed the PC should set out its stall for the new year. It should present a distinct identity, clear purpose and a separate voice from the school and Council. PL will circulate a list of suggested subjects. The meeting was clearly supportive of more time being given to career advice. Noted that Skills Development Scotland will be at the next parent evening (Miss Adams)
- Sixth form leavers now have all their destinations recorded so that success can be measured.
- Work Experience was discussed and needs further investigation.

10. Events and Correspondence: As per circulation

11. AOCB:

- None

12. Next Meeting: – 3 October 2016