

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 5 December 2011 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Richard Norman, Ross Burton, Lesley McAleenan, Alistair Cowper, Pat Scullion, Anna McDaid, Rhys McKenna, Sophie Loch.

Apologies: Eve Keepax, Neil Ross, Scott McGrigor, Robert Clafferty

1. **Approval of last minutes** – approved
2. **Matters Arising** – CfE draft curriculum plan – will retain 8 subjects for the present. Parents will be consulted (focus group)
3. **Treasurer's Report** – The PC budget (£500) was allocated to the account and £105.40 remains.
4. **Head Teacher's Report** – Various items were reported including:-
 - Prelims will be in Jan/Feb
 - Paul Downie has been appointed as the new head of Maths and joins in the new year
 - Parking Congestion – Agreed that PC would submit a letter to Les Goodfellow suggesting the introduction of double yellow lines on the other side of Torbrev Farm Road
 - The mobile phone policy was ready for issue
 - Parental Involvement – 40 approx parents have come forward
 - Grooming – Community police officer will hold a surgery in school
 - Assembly on internet safety held
5. **Pupil Council** – Meeting held recently at which the pupils gave a very positive response to discussion. The next meeting is on Friday. The chairperson is required to brief each year group.
6. **Head Boy/Girl's Report** – Anna and Rhys gave their first report :-
 - Links with school in Nepal – briefing given to S5/6 who are charged to communicate with the rest of the school. S1/2 is making Christmas cards to be sent to Nepal. The Nepalese have sent a school handbook to SHS which is to be reciprocated. Consideration is being given to fundraise to send teachers over.
 - House Names and banners – ideas continue to be discussed with a view to hanging banners in the school to reinforce the House system. The Castle Sewing Guild is willing to help and a meeting is to take place on 8 December. The resident artist, Iona Leishman has also expressed interest.

- Community involvement – pupils are attending classes in their former primary schools and will be assisting in special needs.
- Fair Trade – Sophie reported that the school was preparing to apply to become a Fair Trade zone and summarised what was required. [The PC have already formally signed off the Fair Trade policy]

7. **Parent Council –**

- Fund Raising – idea of clothing collection discussed and met with enthusiasm. The date of January 17 was chosen as target for the first collection. PS to discuss internally and contact the company involved. Noted that easyfundraising.co.uk was the PC's preferred retail partner.
- Christmas Dance – agreed this was not an opportunity for parents to get involved in sales of food and drink.
- School Development Plan – PC requested further involvement. A skills/job fair would be a good way of taking this forward (Ross requested a copy of the SDP)
- Web Site – to be reviewed. Council CIT expert to be asked for advice.
- Christmas concert – noted that the concert will not be at the Holyrood this year and that last year's concert had to be re-arranged because of bad weather. The PC expressed concern that the relationship with the Church was important and urged that opportunities to have events at the church should be considered.
- Woodland Trust – noted that the charity supported schools in their tree planting initiative and PS will investigate.

8. **Next Meeting – to** be on 5 December and then on 23 January, 12 March, 30 April, 11 June in the Community Room.