

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 10 March 2014 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Amanda Lynskey, Ross Burton, Scott MacArthur, Jennifer Paterson, Wendy Morrison, Pat Scullion, Richard Norman, Douglas Clark

1. **Apologies:** JM, LM, LF
2. **Approval of last minutes:** approved
3. **Matters Arising:**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in the account is £937.52. EasyFundraising cheque received for £15.
5. **Head Teacher's Report:** Numerous events and activities as always. Amongst these:-
 - Community Baton created and a ceremony will take place at eh Castle on 4 April. Await dates for Commonwealth Games Relay
 - March events include the Duke of Edinburgh awards on 6 March; PISA Tests for S4 on 12/13 March; Pupil Council Meeting on 17 March; S4 Mentoring Programme on 17 March; Analysis of the prelim results and the Spring Concert on March 25
 - Council Budget – general discussion. One strong feeling was that the PC should look more deeply into the catering provision
 - Also the need to communicate what is happening with the parents
 - Study Leave – there is a need to be pragmatic and change the approach to study leave now that some children will not be taking exams. Next year the timetable will be brought forward to start at the beginning of study leave so pupils will start the new year earlier instead of having a gap to fill
6. **Pupil Council:**
 - Next Meeting is Monday 17th Mar period 3 (11.18 – 12.10)
7. **Head Boy/Girl's Report:** Arrangements for the end of school are in hand including the hoodies, the year book and the dance. The prize giving speech is also in hand.
 - Parent evening next week and a presentation to Stirling University on learning support for prefects
 - The Panto was, against all odds, a great success

8. **Parent Council:**

- Unicycle – WM has provided the text for promoting Unicycle on the web site, twitter and the local paper. We should contact the feeder Primaries. Open days for P7s in June. Consider a variable price dependent on need.
- Parents night on 18 March would be a good opportunity for more promotion
- Car Boot Meeting to be held on 24 March at 7-15pm
- Dobbies – PL has provided contact information to PS regarding their support for school projects
- Cook Book initiative – general discussion and support to look at this further

9. **Events and Correspondence:** Education Budget

10. **AOCB:**

- The covering of courses in S1/S2 needs more structure (WM). Next year there will be fewer subjects, but National 5 studies will start. SQA verification process should give re-assurance.
- Sports and after school clubs – do they need extra support? Rugby for instance. DC reported that the number of teams had reduced and there were fewer teams to play from other schools. PC should consider further.

11. **Next Meeting:**

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