

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 23 January 2012 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Sybil Lang, Ross Burton, Lesley McAleenan, Neil Ross, Alistair Cowper, Pat Scullion, Vicki Wilson, Anna McDaid, Rhys McKenna.

Apologies: Eve Keepax, Scott McGrigor, Robert Clafferty, Richard Norman, Linda Farquhar.

1. **Approval of last minutes** – approved
2. **Matters Arising** – The Police are to hold a presentation at the school on “grooming” on 12 March. There will also be a community policeman holding a surgery in the school in the next week on the same subject.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – There is a balance of £363.24 in the account. This includes income from Tiso and ice cream sales.
4. **Head Teacher’s Report** – Various items were reported including:-
 - Teacher learning communities
 - Nepal partnership
 - Duke of Edinburgh awards – 51 pupils are involved this year with two expeditions
 - The Pantomime was held last week with three performances including a matinee for visiting primary school children
 - There was a star gazing event with pupils able to participate in the program with Brian Cox
 - The Rotary Club are organising a quiz night with Neil Oliver as the quizmaster
 - The annual Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation(s) will take place shortly
 - On 1 February the S4 parents have a course choice evening
 - The S2 parents evening is on 28 February
 - Noted that a letter was issued to the council by the parent council asking them to consider introducing double yellow lines to the other side of Torbrex Farm Road
5. **Pupil Council** – The next meeting is on 24 January. CP will attend.
6. **Head Boy/Girl’s Report** – Anna and Rhys gave their report :-
 - Anna gave a report on the Christmas dances and gave a slide show
 - 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 shortly. Events have been organised including a bake-off, dodge ball, badminton and a talent show. S4 are to help out

during the S5/6 study leave. House points are to be displayed on a regular basis and promotional posters are being produced. Pupils are being asked to help design the shields based on the original pattern and incorporate school values such as friendship.

- Charities Committee – have chosen the Strathcarron Hospice as the main beneficiary and are following the hospice's practise of collecting based upon "Buy a wish". Donations are allocated to a wish list of equipment. A percentage of the proceeds from the Trash Fashion show will be donated.
- Young Careers – are to hold a raffle to raise funds and are short of prizes. The tickets are priced at 50p and the draw is on Friday week. PS will provide a summary of the young careers role and targets for funding. PL will then approach the Thistle Centre.

7. Parent Council –

- Fund Raising – proposed car boot sale indoors within the school was discussed. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed date of 24 March. A sub- committee will meet next Monday at 7.15 at SHS. Considerations discussed included a floor plan, admission fee, insurance, security, and advertising.
- Web Site – to be reviewed. Council CIT expert to be asked for advice. Other PCs who have their own sites to be consulted
- Charitable status – to be considered based the experience of other PCs such as Balforn and Dunblane

8. AOCB

- RB suggested the ski trip to Austria was too expensive. Alternative venues such as the Highlands or dry ski slopes could be chosen. PS stated that t school was hamstrung by the requirement to use approved suppliers with a proven track record in school trips
- PS to suggest dates for the PC members to attend classes at the school (this initiative had to cancelled last year due to time constraints)
- Sisaket High School, Thailand – RB advised that his son was now teaching at the school and is keen to work with SHS on a partnering arrangement similar to the school in Nepal. PS and RB to progress.
- Tannoy – AC questioned the use of the tannoy system which is wired up to be heard in all class rooms and could prove disruptive. PS advised that this was a rare occurrence and use is confined in the main to Mondays and Fridays

9. Next Meeting – to be on 12 March and then on 30 April and 11 June in the Conference Room.