

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 24 October 2011 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Sybil Lang, Lesley McAleenan, Neil Ross, Pat Scullion, Vicki Wilson, Anna and Rhys.

Apologies: Linda Farquhar, Eve Keepax, Scott McGrigor, Richard Norman, Robert Clafferty and Ross Burton

1. **Approval of last minutes** – approved
2. **Matters Arising** – Taken as per the agenda
3. **Treasurer's Report** – PS to allocate PC funds from school budget
4. **Head Teacher's Report** – PS summarised recent activities and what is coming up until the end of term -
 - Early October saw the Balance Zero event – orchard project, and the China group presentation
 - Eco-assemblies held for second years
 - This Wednesday the school will be interviewing for the new head of maths
 - STV studio visit. Sean Batty, the weather presenter, took part in a Q&A session
 - CfE event on 3 November
 - Staff development days on the 7/8 November
 - Remembrance Day service in assembly hall at 2pm on 11 November – PC invited
 - Deputes and pupils to attend parent evenings at primary schools
 - Duke of Edinburgh awards – 36 pupils received their certificates last week
 - 4th year prelims start in early December
 - Christmas dances and concert will take place just before the term ends
 - Standards and Quality report tabled
 - CfE draft curriculum map tabled. Current intention is to provide 5 subjects instead of eight in fourth year, based upon the requirement to teach each subject for 120 hours. There was discussion about how this would be interpreted by parents and universities. Stirling schools are allowed to determine the number of subjects to be taught in fourth year in response to the CfE framework.
5. **Head Boy/Girl's Report** – Anna and Rhys presented their first report.
 - Prefect duty roster updated and booklet produced

- Initiative to use the prefects to connect with the junior years
- Houses – to create visual tags; possibly produce a quilt; house events to be organised by prefects; whole school quiz
- Improve links with primary schools and younger pupils; events at Braehead and St Ninians at which SHS pupils visited their old schools
- ICT Summit attended by pupils and Rhys assisted in managing the event
- A parent skills questionnaire has been issued via school bags

6. **Pupil Council** – next meeting 10 November at 10am

7. **AOB** – no further news on strike action

8. **Next Meeting** – to be on Monday 24 October at 7pm in the Community Room