

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 28 April 2014 held at 7pm SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Amanda Lynskey, Robert Clafferty, Sybil Lang, Frances Archibald, Lesley McAleenan, Scott MacArthur, Jennifer Paterson, Wendy Morrison, Pat Scullion, Richard Norman, Douglas Clark

1. **Apologies:** JM, LF, SMcG, RB, AL, AC, JP and SMacA
2. **Approval of last minutes:** approved
3. **Matters Arising:** Commonwealth Games – the relay will take place on July 6 and so the school will not be able to take part, but individual pupils will be involved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance was £1,021.25 before the purchase of the laptops, leaving a negative balance of £178.75
5. **Head Teacher's Report:** Numerous events and activities as always. Amongst these:-
 - Presentation of the Community Baton at the Castle
 - Litter Pick
 - Visit from Michael Goodfellow
 - Epilepsy Society fundraising
 - Fair Trade Friday
 - Achievement Awards and Senior Prize Giving
6. **Pupil Council:**
7. **Head Boy/Girl's Report:** The HB/HG are now on study leave. The PC wish to thank both for their interest and support over the school year.
8. **Parent Council:**
 - School Budget – discussion took place generally around the budget. School meals and pricing was highlighted as a topic that the PC should address. Agreed to invite Neil Benny to the next meeting along with a few other Community Councils
 - PC response to the budget – PL confirmed that no response was received from Education Services
 - Healthy Eating – Would pupils provide a list of items with prices that they purchase for their lunch from shops in the area?
 - Parental Survey – agreed to put a survey together for next session

- Cook Book Initiative – agreed to explore the regular production of cookbooks to promote the healthy eating agenda. These could be themed, be part of individual or school projects, classwork, community related or be single year productions
- 100 Club – RN presented material explain how a club could be set up. Agreed to take this forward next year.

9. Events and Correspondence: Education Budget

10. AOCB:

- WM asked whether the school needed help from parents in giving all pupils the ability to play sports. It appears that there are fewer teams and less activities than before. Agreed to scope what happens in each year group and have a further discussion at the PC
- Pupil choices for the new exams in S4 have not been well supported by the system. PS referred to a lack of information from the SQA and increased pressure on teaching staff, but it would be easier for pupils in the future
- Homework – there does not seem to be enough being given in S1/2. Agreed that there should be build-up of workload and in pupils expectations

11. Next Meeting:

- 9 June 2014