

Stirling High School Parent Council

Meeting 31 January 2011 held at 7pm

SHS Conference Room

Present: Peter Langley, Christine Paterson, Linda Watson, Linda Farquhar, Lesley MacAleenan, Sybil Lang, Eve Keepax, Neil Ross, Richard Norman, Scott McGregor, Scott McGregor, Pat Scullion, Gavin Scott, Daisy Aiken.

Apologies: Vicki Wilson, Alan Rennie.

1. **Approval of last minutes** – approved.
2. **Matters Arising** – Taken as per the agenda
3. **Treasurer's Report** - £260.65 in the school account as per the last meeting.
4. **Head Teacher's Report** – PS gave a presentation of recent activities and future events. These included the recent ski trip and partnership working with the Prudential. Other matters raised were as follows:-
 - School Blazer – McAree Bros will no longer be supplying blazers. Another source has been found to supply blazers at c£45 compared to closer to £100
 - The school pantomime is playing for two nights. It is entirely self funding and run by the pupils
 - The Safe Drive, Stay Alive campaign is running. There was a film at the McRobert being shown at 7pm. There is an age limit of 16 due to the nature of the content. Neil Ross queried why 14/15 year olds could not attend
 - There will be a series of transition events for P7 pupils running into the summer term
 - Restorative Approach to Behaviour – training has taken place for teachers to learn how to apply this technique which seeks to achieve new levels of understanding and closure between the victim and their antagonist. Scott suggested that the police could support training requirements
 - Spring Concert – 22 March
 - Charities Quiz – 24 March
5. **Head Boy/Girl's Report (Gavin and Daisy)** – the senior dance was a great success and both Gavin and Daisy attended other High School dances by invitation. Other events included the end of term service which was much appreciated. The Enterprise Team attended the trade fair and won a prize; UCAS applications have been submitted; pre-lims have taken place. It was agreed that the ECO Club would report to the next meeting.
6. **Pupil Council** – pupils will now get the day of the royal wedding as holiday. The next meeting will be 21 February and SB agreed to attend.

7. **Parental Involvement** – Lesley-Anne Livesey talked to the PC about her role and opportunities for the PC and parents to learn and get more involved. L-AL said she would be happy to support/facilitate events and the sharing of good practice. For instance a program around the “Restorative Approach”. Perhaps a parent leaflet, use of the web site? L-AL will come back with some ideas. L-AL is interested in feedback from parents. This can be channelled through the Stirling Council web site - <http://www.stirling.gov.uk/index/services/learning/parentalinvolvement.htm>

What examples are there of parental involvement at SHS?

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- **Fund Raising** – Richard Norman volunteered to lead and Linda Watson, Lesley MacAleenan, Scott and Daisy will support. Agreed to meet before the next PC meeting
 - **Parent Visits** – PS to suggest dates for PC members to spend an afternoon in classes early next year (still to action)
 - **Grounds Development** – SHS to facilitate meeting between interested parties. Possibility of obtaining a grant to be followed up.
9. **Events and Correspondence** – National Parent Forum update, information sharing event, internet safety seminar 7 March, school handbook event 17 January. All circulated.

10. AOB

Gavin was keen to promote helping people in the community and has contacts with the Salvation Army. He volunteered to arrange a talk. Noted that there are other organisations such as Age Scotland and the Scottish Executive who can support an initiative. Also there is an SQA available for volunteering.

11. Next Meeting – to be on Monday 14 March at 7pm in the Community Room