

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Notice of meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meetings Room, Balfron High School

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Care for the Family and Parents Together presentation – Ivor Forrest
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Working Groups – Fund Raising; Life Skills/Career; Health and Wellbeing
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Presentation Policy (document attached)
8. Rector's Report
9. AOCB
10. Dates of next meetings - Tuesday 17 November 2009
Tuesday 26 January 2010
Tuesday 9 March 2010

AGM – 18 May 2010

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Minutes of Balfron High School Parent Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Balfron High School

Present

Julie McEachern (Vice-Chair); John Paton (Chair); Geoff Forward (Treasurer); Phillippa Gray; Susan Cadle; Charles Fox; Mary-Clare Brown; Hilary Peddie; Dot Carswell; Val Corry; Moira Anderson; Maureen McNee; Andy Faulds (Community Policeman) and colleague; Karen Merrick (arrived for last half-hour)

Apologies

Di Blackmore; Jo Skabara; Pat Monaghan; Jane Hunter

Julie welcomed Andy and his colleague to the meeting. Andy is the new Community Policeman and covers the villages of Balfron/Buchlyvie/Arnprior and Kippen. There has been a change in the working hours and he now works every second weekend and has more of a presence in the village. Do not do as much talks at the High School now but tries to walk about village at lunchtime. At the weekends drinking amongst the young people is a problem. Very happy to come and talk to parents about drugs and alcohol.

Several parents have approached John asking about the school's position when pupils are removed from school. Three questions have been raised (1) explain the school's duty of care to the child – Val explained that the school's duty is to keep the child safe and the school works in partnership with social service, health service and the police. (2) organisations have the right to remove a child from school – Val explained that organisations (i.e. police, etc) have the right to remove any child from the school if there is a reason to do so. (3) Are parents informed when child is removed from school – if the reason is medical, health and safety, the school will attempt to contact the parents. If a child is taken for child protection reasons then contact is not necessarily made with parents depending on the allegation (the police would be involved in this action). There is no obligation to contact parents if the child is over 16 but it is the school's practice make attempts to do so. If the child is over 16 the police have the right to remove the child without parents permission.

Thanks were given to Andy and his colleague for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and duly signed by the Chairperson.

2. Matters arising

- Still to contact parents from Balloch about joining Parent Council.
- Ian Beaton has set up a Youth Community Council in Killearn through the Community Council. Might be worth considering other Community Councils. John will speak to Balfron and Julie to Kippen Community Council meetings.
- **Curriculum of Excellence** – Hope to organise a presentation in March 2010 for parents of P7 about Curriculum of Excellence. Also keep mentioning it in every Headlines issue.
- **Bike shed** – Still waiting for Stirling Council to approve request for the bike shed to be used for storage.
- **Car park** – Work to be carried out in the car park during the summer.
- **Aims Board** – still looking for a company to sponsor this board. Will try Speedy Hire.

3. Report on Annual General Meeting

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting that the wording of Section 8.2 of the Constitution will be changed to say "The accounts will be checked by a competent person approved at the previous Annual General Meeting". Someone from Geoff's work has agreed to audit the

