

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Notice of meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Balfron High School

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Minutes of Balfroon High School Parent Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Balfroon High School

Present

John Paton (Chair); Julie McEachern (Vice-Chair); Geoff Forward (Treasurer); Hiliary Peddie; Jo Skabara; Fiona Longley; Jo Gordon; Dino Jaroszynski ; Phillippa Gray; Alistair Gray; Sheila Watson; Dot Carswell; Christine Robinson; Di Blackmore; Karen Merrick; Mary-Clare Brown; Val Corry; Moira Anderson; Maureen McNee; Deputy Holly Robertson (Head Girl)

Apologies

Pat Monaghan; Charles Fox; Susan Cadle

John welcomed the new members to the meeting.

Care for the Family and Parents together

Ivor explained what the programme does by focussing on education of drug abuse and making parents aware of the signs. He handed out leaflets which explained the programme – ‘How to drug proof your kids’. The programme has been running for 5-6 years and there are over 600 presenters which include parents, teachers etc – 60% is on parenting and 40% on drug awareness. It helps to leave leaflets lying about and the children will then read it and possible ask questions, try to encourage them to talk about drugs freely.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parent Council could sponsor several members of staff to go on the drug awareness course, to enable them to hold presentations to parents. Courses are held throughout the year and at different locations.

It was agreed that the Parent Council will hold an event for parents and try and get as many people involved i.e. police, medical, education and MSPs. To target P6 upwards and to feature cannabis usage, long-term health effects, etc. A sub-group was set up consisting of Phillipa & Alistair Gray, Jo Gordon, Dot Carswell, Julie McEachern, Christine Robinson and Mary-Clare Brown. The group will report back at next meeting.

Thanks were given to Ivor for his informative presentation.

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1. Minutes of previous meeting

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

2. Matters arising

- Sheila Watson from Balloch has joined the Parent Council.
- John attended Balfroon Community Council, but did not get much enthusiasm for a Youth Community Council along the lines of that operating in Killlearn. Julie still to attend Kippen Community Council meeting.
- **Website** – Tom set up website and Geoff has taken it over and will make contact with Douglas Bell. Link to be done from High School website to Parent Council website. To be discussed at next meeting.
- **Bike shed** – Still awaiting approval from Stirling Council. Julie and her husband would meet with Val to draw up plans.
- **Car park** – all the work has been carried out and has been approved.
- **Aims board** – still looking for a company to sponsor the board.
- **Trust Fund** – paperwork is now complete and inaugural meeting can go ahead. Some of the money from the Parent Council will go into the Trust Fund. Need a sub-group to look at marketing, etc of the Trust Fund.

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- **Uniform** – Hiliary took samples of iron on badges to test on sweatshirts. Items bought from McArees are of better quality. If parents think there is still a problem with quality, get in touch with the school who make representation to McArees.
- Val brought the Health and Well Being programme to the meeting and Phillippa agreed to have a look at it and report back.

3. **Working Groups**

Val informed the Council that S6 Leadership group are hoping to organise a Xmas craft Fayre (similar to the one that was held last year) and are starting to organise it now. Hope to get some of the people that attended the Craft Fayre in March to come and Val will contact Jane for the names.

Life skills/career - Need more speakers for lunchtime and career Fayre.

The Working Groups will be discussed at next meeting.

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4. **Treasurer's Report**

£1404 in the bank. Geoff to contact Tina about how much is in the Ledger account.

5. **Presentation Policy (previously distributed)**

Any comments about this document to be emailed to Val.

6. **Rector's Report (previously distributed)**

- **Eco school** - The school has been awarded its second Green Flag.
- **Malawi** – A successful visit by students and staff took place in June/July and further visits are planned for the future.
- **6th year** – Every 6th year will be required to do either peer support and/or paired reading with younger pupils, and also be part of a leadership team. Each team will have a particular goal and two link teachers will be working with them for support, encouragement and guidance.
- **Headlines** – This continues to be well received. It is the intention to issue 2 per term. If there are any items that the Parent Council would like included please email Val.
- **Attendance statistics** – There is still a continuing concern about parents taking pupils out of school for holidays. It causes disruption to learning and teaching both for the pupil and also an increased workload for staff.
- **Drivers for minibus** – Every Monday 5th and 6th pupils have PE performance and go out of school to various locations. This year there is a bigger group but only one minibus can be used. If there are any parents interested in driving the minibus email Val.

7. **AOCB**

- John attended the Balfon Community Council meeting as it was discussing safe routes to school. There is a budget which must be spent by the end of the financial year. The proposal is for 5 speed humps on Cotton Street and others in Roman Road, but some of the members felt this should be reduced. The Community Council felt it was unnecessary to have speed humps on Moor Road. It suggested that '20 signs' be placed on Roman Road at the junction with Dunmore Street when coming into the village. Also '20 signs' or humps could be placed at Spinner Street up to the Clachan. Will be discussed again at the next Community Council meeting.
- **P7/S1 evening** – John reported that some parents showed interest to join the Parent Council, but Tuesdays did not suit a lot of parents. It has been decided that all Parent Council meetings will be held on a Tuesday.
- **Fintry buses** – still no progress has been made re the issue of the Fintry buses. Letters have been written to Stirling Council with the reply that there is no money for lighting or improving the pathway. It was agreed that the Parent council would raise this issue with Stirling Council on behalf of Fintry. To be discussed at the next meeting.

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- Val informed the meeting that the park was out of bounds at lunchtime but there has been a few pupils going there. It was agreed to keep the park out of bounds and all pupils to be informed of this.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meetings Room, Balfron High School.

Items for agenda for next meeting will be:

- Working Groups/Trust Fund
- Drug awareness evening
- Website
- Fintry buses