

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Balfroon High School Parent Council held on Tuesday 22 January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in Balfroon High School

Present

Paul Henke (Chair); John Paton (Vice-Chair); Geoff Forward (Treasurer); Jo Skabara; Karen Merrick; Gill McBride; Julie McEachern; Tom Lane; Charles Fox; Susan Cadle; John Keith; Pat Monaghan; Dino Jaroszynski; Val McCorquodale; Val Corry; Moira Anderson; Dianne Smith; Maureen McNee

Apologies

Inge Fik; Alex Goskirk; Shona Everden; Jane Hunter; Christine Robinson, 2 reps from S6

Paul welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

2. Matters arising

Val reported that a meeting had been held with staff, pupils and members of the Parent Council about raising the standard of the uniform. A letter has been sent to all parents asking them to support the school with their children wearing uniform. Val has been speaking to all form groups about the uniform. At the meeting it was suggested that enamel badges could be used on jackets and any parents who buy sweatshirts, etc can purchase an iron-on school badge. Geoff can order these iron-on badges at cost price and the Parent Council agreed that this was a good idea. The pupils at the uniform meeting also suggested that the badges could be given to P7 pupils before they come up to High School.

Geoff informed the group that the School Board account has been closed and the balance of £832 has been transferred to the school. The balance in the PTA account will be transferred over to the Parent Council ledger account and this will be used for expenditure for fund raising.

Trust Fund – paperwork still with Stirling Council. To push things forward Val would like some members of the Parent Council to look at the various documents as there are two options available – either Trust Fund or Unincorporated Association. Also look at the criteria for charitable status and to decide the purpose of the Trust Fund. Susan Cadle/Charles Fox/John Keith and Karen Merrick agreed to form this sub-group and will meet with Val.

AGENDA

Constitution – The constitution has been agreed by Stirling Council and will be put on the web site and all parents will be notified.

3. Working Groups

Fund Raising – Jane Hunter forwarded a working paper with various suggestions. This paper will be forwarded to all Parent Council for their comments. It was suggested to hold a Race Night or Film Night. The Fund-Raising Group will meet and report back at the next meeting.

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Communication – Tom distributed copies of the flyers which will be distributed to all parents. There were only minor edits and Geoff will print them at cost price. The Communication Group will meet to discuss how to take things forward e.g. radio

broadcasts and will report back at the next meeting. Paul has agreed to be co-opted onto the Group. Thanks were given to Tom and the rest of the Communication Group.

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Val informed the Council that a DVD will be produced "A day in the life of the school" to be given to all P7 pupils and new parents. A parent network meeting was held and it was encouraged that pupils attend the Parent Council meetings to rely back to pupils in the school via Pupil Councils. Val will do a Rector's Review to be placed on the website.

Life skill/career development – This group will look at getting people from industry, arts, trades, etc to come into the school and talk to pupils about careers in their field and also help to find additional work placements for pupils. Liaising with the teachers will be needed and also with Aileen Crawford the Careers Adviser. It could be like a Careers Fayre and possibly aimed at S2 pupils. Dino Jaroszynski/Charles Fox/Pat Monaghan/Val McCorquodale/Julie McEachern have agreed to form this Working Group. They will report back at the next meeting.

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4. **AOCB**

Val is looking for at least 50 parents to participate in a workshop "Let's talk learning" about best practice, learning experiences etc. Pupils and staff are also participating. All parents will be contacted about this workshop.

The contract for the vending machines is due to run out and Val is holding meetings within the next couple of weeks.

5. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the full Parent Council will held on Monday 3 March 2008 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, Balforn High School.

The Working Groups will hold meetings before the next full Parent Council meetings.