

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Balfron High School Parent Council held on Monday 3 March 2008 at 7.00 p.m. in Balfron High School

Present

Paul Henke (Chair); Shona Everden; Julie McEachern; Tom Lane; Dino Jaroszynski; Pat Monaghan; John Keith; Charles Fox; Anne Kelly; Di Blackmore; Moira Anderson; Dianne Smith; Val Corry; Maureen McNee

Apologies

Inge Fik; Karen Merrick; John Paton; Geoff Forward; Gill McBride; Jo Skabara; Susan Cadle; Jane Hunter; Bill Stoddart

Paul wanted it minuted that he thinks the Parent Forum is a vast improvement on the School Boards.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Council membership

To double check with the constitution about the number of members for the Parent Council. A list of all members will be done for the next meeting.

AGENDA

4. Working Groups Update

Fund Raising – The Fund raising sub-group still to organise a meeting and this will be done before the next meeting. In the meantime Jane forwarded a working paper with various suggestions. The flyer about the Parent Council is due to be distributed to all parents and hopefully some parents might volunteer to help with the Fund Raising sub-group.

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Trust Fund – Monies raised via the Fund Raising will be go into the Trust Fund. The draft constitution is with the Legal Services at Stirling Council. The sub-group have met and John has asked advice from a friend who is a lawyer about the setting up of Trust Funds. It has been agreed that the Trustees will include parents and external people from the community i.e. Jim Bissett, Lynn Aldritt, Mike Bath. Another meeting is to be arranged and it was agreed that prospective Trustees could attend this meeting. The Trust is to be set up to enhance the educational, cultural, social and sporting experiences of young people in the Balfron High School catchment, or young people who attend Balfron High School consistent with the aims of the school. Parents will be kept informed of how the monies will be used and also justification of the external Trustees to be agreed by the Parent Council.

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Communication – The sub-group have held a meeting and came up with four initiatives for consideration. (1) As mentioned above the flyer is due to be distributed to all parents and hopefully will get some feedback. Shona agreed to collate any replies. (2) Try to identify parents from other villages to promote the Parent Council and to report back any feedback. (3) Hold a workshop within the school with teachers and class leaders and Bill is happy to organise this (4) Develop Parent Council web site on the main school web site and Tom has agreed to take this forward.

Val has produced a Rector's Review which was circulated to Parent Council members for comment. It might be worth mentioning pupils achievements within the school and outwith the school. Mention about the various clubs and try to encourage pupils to join. It was agreed that this Review is necessary and should be published every month. It was agreed that web hyper links could be used in the review. This Review will be distributed with the Parent Council flyer and put on the Community Notice Boards.

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Life Skills – This sub-group has met and have a number of proposals i.e. to hold a fayre for various people to come and talk to pupils. This could link in with work placements. Val to highlight the gaps in the career development programme.

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5. **Workshop – Let's Talk Learning**

Two high schools within Stirling Council participating in the Learning and Teaching Policy by Stirling Council. S1 and S6 pupils, staff and parents needed. Val did the workshop with members of the Parent Council.

6. **AOCB**

£836 has been returned to the school from the School Board budget. Literacy Committee has produced a poster about checking literacy and want to have one for every classroom. The Parent Council agreed to fund this.

Volunteers are required to help at the Balfron 10k run to be held on 27 April. Proceeds are being split between the Primary School and High School. Contact Shona if interested.

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2008 in the Upper Conference Room at 7.00 p.m.