

Balfron High School Parent Council

Minutes of Balfron High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 26 November 2007 at Balfron High School

Present: John Paton (Vice-Chair); Geoff Forward; Shona Everden; Tom Lane; Dino Jaroszynski; Julie McEachern; Gill McBride; Peter Betts; Karen Merrick; Inge Fik; Bill Stoddart; Alistair Gray; Phillipa Gray; Jane Hunter;

Val Corry; Moira Anderson; Maureen McNee

Apologies: Paul Henke; Susan Cadle; Charles Fox; Dianne Smith; 2 Reps from S6

Everybody introduced themselves and it was agreed to do this at each meeting. Val welcomed Moira Anderson, PT Maths as the second teacher representative. Thanks were given to Julie who provided tea, coffee and biscuits.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Vice-Chair.

2. Matters arising

Constitution – The constitution was amended and a notice went into the paper informing parents that copies were available and there has been no feedback. The constitution will now be put on the website and put on the notice board at the front entrance of the school and sent to Lorraine Sanda at Stirling Council.

Geoff has a cheque for £800 which is the balance left in the old School Board Account which will go to the school. The Parent Council allocation will be paid to the school and Val will get Tina Morrison to set up another ledger for this amount and any expenses will be paid from this i.e. clerk's fees, etc. When the Trust Fund has been set up all fund raising monies will be put into that account so it was agreed that there is no need for the Parent Council to set up a bank account.

John has agreed to be Vice-Chair.

3. Working Groups

Fund Raising – People involved in this group are: Jane Hunter/Inge Fik/Bill Stoddart/Paul Henke. More parents might want to get involved once the leaflet has been distributed. They will meet and report back at next meeting.

Still waiting for Stirling Council to come back about the setting up of the Trust Fund i.e. constitution, charitable status. Hoping for a target of £100,000. Jim Bissett, a former co-opted member of the School Board, has shown an interest in helping to set up the Trust Fund and Val will approach him. Once the Trust Fund has been set up the Parent Council will then manage it and Trustees will be appointed.

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Communication – People involved in this group are: Shona Everden/Tom Lane/Gill McBride/Julie McEachern. Again more parents might want to get involved once the leaflet has been distributed. Val reported that there is about 70% parents on email and the remainder are contacted via post. Communication could also be done via the Call Parent system via telephone. A draft leaflet was distributed and any comments were to be sent back to Tom but some of these comments included: put in the villages where the Parent Council members live; more names to be added; explain a bit more about the Parent Forum and Parent Council; mention about the constitution in the leaflet. It was agreed the leaflet will be posted to all parents. It was noted that there were no parents from Buchlyvie/Blanefield/Strathblane and Drymen on the Parent Council and Val agreed to approach some parents from each of these areas. The leaflet will be distributed as

soon as possible. Karen Merrick agreed to ask Stirling University about printing the leaflets, and S6 will fold them and the school will do the address labels. **AGENDA**

4. **AOCB:**

Val used to email a report to the School Board members before the meeting and which was then discussed. The Parent Council agreed that a report would not be necessary and any key issues can be raised under Any Other Business. If the Parent Council feel that they want certain issues discussed then they can be requested to be discussed at a future meeting.

Val reported that there can no longer only be one supplier of the school uniform and she is hoping to set up a working group with staff, pupils and members of the Parent Council to discuss this. Julie McEachern/Gill McBride/Karen Merrick agreed to represent the Parent Council.

If any parents are interested in helping with invigilating the prelims to make contact with Bill Slavin.

Prices for catering will be put on web site for information. If any pupil forgets their swipe card they will still get a meal.

The Rotary Club will be holding mock interviews for S4 pupils next year. Val to find out if the two rowers that were featured in the local paper require any help from the Rotary Club.

Bill reported that the Rotary Club are hoping to send 2 pupils and one teacher to the Euro Scholar next year.

Dino would like to head up the Working Group on Life Skills/career development to be discussed at next meeting.

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5. **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Meetings Room.