

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Balfroon High School Parent Council meeting held on Tuesday 23 October 2007 at Balfroon High School

Present: Paul Henke, Shona Everden, Inge Fik, Geoff Forward, Gill McBride, Julie McEachern, Dino Jaroszynski, Pat Monaghan, Tom Lane, Dianne Smith

Val Corry, Maureen McNee

Apologies: Peter Betts, Bill Stoddart, John Paton, Elizabeth Herbin, Frances Collins, Christine Robinson

Paul welcomed everybody to the first Parent Council meeting. There is a meeting for new Parent Councils being held on Saturday 27 October being run by Stirling Council and hopefully a few members will attend.

1. Review of Constitution

There are still one or two outstanding points in the constitution which need to be amended and then sent to parents for approval. It is hoped to have a member from each cluster village and also Head Prefects will be invited to attend the meetings. Point 3.1 and 7.3 have been amended to read:

3.1 "The composition of the Parent Council should be a minimum of 14 members and could include"

7.6 "... who will be sent a copy of any proposed amendment and given reasonable time to respond to the proposal, up to 2 weeks"

The amended constitution will then be emailed to parents and also a notice will be placed in the local papers to say that copies of the constitution can be picked up from the school. The email address of the Parents Forum will also be displayed. There will be a closing date of 2 weeks, and if there are no responses it means full agreement and the constitution can then be put onto the website.

2. Election of office bearers

Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer are required. The undernoted were duly elected:

Chair: Paul Henke Proposed by Gill McBride and seconded by Dianne Smith

Treasurer: Geoff Forward Proposed by Gill McBride and seconded by Paul Henke

Vice-Chair: Paul would speak to John Paton to see if he would be interested. If not Dino would take on the role.

3. Working Groups to be identified

The working groups are: Communication; Music Development; Life Skills/career development/job placement initiatives; Fundraising; Eco schools/ development of garden; Learning Support – both the upper and lower end of the ability spectrum

Fundraising

Val mentioned to the Council about a Trust Fund that she is hoping to start which will hopefully gain charitable status. The constitution is still with the Legal Services at Stirling Council. The Trust Fund will help towards achievements i.e. funding for buses for matches, stripes etc. A list of Trustees have been identified. Any fund raising that the Parent Council do can go into this Fund. This fund will encompass the whole school. Val will email all Parent Council members with the constitution, names of the potential Trustees before the next meeting. Get the pupils to think of an appropriate name, logo and mission statement and this will be organised by the Head Prefects through the Pupil Councils. Paul would speak to Jane Hunter (Gargunock) about the possibility of leading

a group for fund raising and Inge has agreed to represent the Council. Events can be organised in the cluster villages because transport is an issue.

Communication

After discussion it was agreed that a flyer would go out to all parents listing all the working groups (as above) hoping to get some interest from parents. The names of all the members of the Parent Council would also go on the flyer. Shona, Gill and Julie agreed to work on this. Hope to get parents involved in the Business Dynamic days that are held for S4. Also interested in getting parents involved in consultation groups regarding some issues within the school.

4. AOCB

Val did a report for the School Board at each meeting and this was usually emailed beforehand to all members. To decide whether this is still to be carried on. To be discussed at the next meeting.

AGENDA

Budget – Val reported that she has to make target savings of £80,000 this year as set by Stirling Council.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 November 2007 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meetings Room.