

Dunblane High School Parent Council



Minutes for Meeting of the Parent Council

7th September 2015

Venue – McCarron Room

7.15 – 9pm

Attendees: Linsay Goodfellow (Chair), Heather Dougan (Secretary), Kathy McEwan (Treasurer), Chinny Iroegbu, Lynne Ross, Sandy Fleming (Community Representative)

Apologies: Lorraine Thomson

The first meeting of the new term was an informal chat with only the Office Bearers present.

1. **Chair's Report** Linsay introduced Sandy Fleming to the group and it was discussed how it might be a good idea for Primary School representatives to attend our first and last meetings to get an insight into High School.

2. **Treasurer's Report** The crossover during the summer between the outgoing Treasurer (Anne Kelly) to our new Treasurer (Kathy McEwan) has encountered some difficulties which they are at present trying to resolve.

3. **Fundraising** Lorraine Thomson who will be our Fundraising Member had suggested an S1 disco and the idea was discussed with the possibility of a themed disco around Halloween being suggested. It was decided that Lorraine should liaise with Jo Allan regarding this. Chinny also mentioned Easyfundraising as an option and mentioned that if you sign in via SPTC you were given the option to donate to DHPC. As we have no awareness of any funds coming in via this route it was decided to check this with Jo Allan. Lynn brought up the possibility of fundraising at concerts, this has been done before and Linsay explained that various groups and year groups often fundraise at these events but she will check with the music department regarding this. It was also suggested that a Calendar of Events would be a good idea to avoid any clashes with the MAD group and Dunblane Young Fundraisers.

4. **School Update** Linsay confirmed that Mr Lennon will be retiring at Easter and that at the moment he is working 0.4 of his school week heading up a School Improvement Group. As Chair Linsay would be getting in touch with Kevin Kelman / Sharon Johnston within the Council to discuss our needs as a school with regards to a new Head and how important it would be to have a gentle transition. This week will see the advertisement for the position of Head in Stirling High School which may have an effect on our own search for a suitable candidate however ideally it is hoped that there should be a new appointment by 18th April.

There are currently 142 S6s, 30% of whom are on Staged Intervention which made this year's exam results truly remarkable. Pupils within the S6 are also partaking in classes in Forth Valley College and other schools.

The new Maths teacher who was due to start at the school took a position elsewhere leaving the Maths department short, however new teachers will be appointed this week, both full time, one permanent and one temporary. Parents of S1-S4 pupils who are having three periods a week with their Maths teacher and two periods with a supply teacher are being informed and this is only likely to continue for 3 more weeks.

Mrs Hansom will be retiring in October and a new teacher is in place but Mrs Hansom will continue to come in 1 day a week up until Christmas.

Mr McMaster is now the Faculty Head of Social Sciences and Mr Ross is now acting Principal in Pupil Support as well as a Year Head for S1. Mrs Hook is now SQA [??] and Mr Boyce is temporary Head of Pupil Support as well as Year Head for S1.

New appointments are as follows – Mrs Black has a permanent position with the English Department, Miss Casey has a temporary position within Social Subjects and Miss Gould is moving to Support for Learning.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th October at 7.15.