

Dunblane High School Parent Council



Draft Minutes for the Meeting of the Parent Council

28th August 2017

Venue – McCarron Room

7.00 – 8.45pm

Attendees

Sandy Fleming (Chair)

Stuart MacKay (Head Teacher)

Lynne Ross (Treasurer)

Vicki Sheridan (Secretary)

Lorraine Thomson

Liz Fraser

Chinny Iroegbu

Mark Spencer-Bowles

Teresa Deakin

Claire Clark

Kendal Delaney (new teacher representative)

Maggie Gorman

Shirley Lumsden

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Linsay Goodfellow and Lesley Imrie.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes dated 20th March 2017

Lorraine approved minutes and was seconded by Chinny.

3. Matters arising from AGM requiring urgent attention

Sandy confirmed that since the AGM Lorraine has resigned her position as Community/fundraising officer and would like to continue as an Ordinary member of the PC.

<p>Linsay has also requested to change her position as Vice Chair to take up the Community role, representing the PC within the wider community and at Council led events.</p> <p>In accordance with our Constitution, the PC can make revised interim appointments. The position of Vice Chair should be filled and Sandy requested that any interested PC member please email dhsparentcouncil90@gmail.com before next Friday 8th September.</p> <p>Both Linsay and Lynne have indicated that they are willing to take on the vice chair position in addition to their other roles if someone else does not offer.</p> <p>In addition, since Chippy will be standing down from the PC at the end of this year when her son leaves the school, Sandy asked if she would make a small presentation at a later PC meeting to explain the SPTC role.</p> <p>No fundraising/social convenor will be appointed this year. If fundraising is requested by the school a sub-committee will be set up.</p> <p>Kendal Delaney is the newly appointed PC teacher representative.</p> <p>PC Pupil representative is to be confirmed as soon as possible. Sandy suggested that they are invited to attend the next PC meeting.</p>	<p>PC MEMBERS</p> <p>CI</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <p>Sandy began by confirming that the PC meetings are intended to be productive evenings and all participants should be respectful and on topic. In future, matters discussed must be on the agenda and will be allocated 15 minutes.</p> <p>Sandy requested that the PC section on the school website be updated to show the current PC members and contact details and an abbreviated explanation of the PC role. He also asked that a copy of the PC Constitution be added to the website with a link to the page. Following this link being established Vicki will publish it on the Facebook page.</p> <p>Sandy reviewed the previous minutes and the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Mackay will confirm what percentage of parents are now signed up for Parent Pay. • Chippy suggested that we invite larger companies, community members and Council departments to become involved with IT matters at the High School as a prelude to investigating ways this may assist with IT improvements or investment. Stirling High have funded Chromebooks for the school following on from a Council IT Initiative. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>SM VS</p> <p>SM</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive ICT is already provided for young people with special needs at our School. • PC Fundraising for ICT replacement is not a practical idea however a sub-committee is to be set up to look at school requirements and identify any assistance that PC can provide. Can a vehicle be put in place to allow parents to make charitable donations to a cause? • The S2 parent night utilised the main atrium for some subjects and it worked well. It has been decided that the S5/6 Parents Night will be split. The current date shown on the calendar for the S6 night may be changed since it clashes with the Dunblane Christmas Extravaganza evening on the High Street. • The new atrium seating is in-situ. • Stuart confirmed hotdogs have now been phased out and will be replaced by paninis and the like. <p>It was agreed that the PC Facebook page will promote the clothes donation bin in the car park since the school get the proceeds. Vicki to speak to the office to determine when the uplifts are.</p> <p>Stuart asked if we could also request that parents bring any outgrown or surplus blazers and ties to the office for use in the school. Vicki to post on Facebook page.</p>	<p>CI/MG</p> <p>VS</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p> <p>Lynne confirmed that one change has affected the PC bank account balance since March. A gift was purchased for Mrs Wilkinson’s leaving day. The receipt for this is at the school office and the account will be reduced to take account of this expenditure.</p> <p>Sandy will contact Christine Cameron and confirm whether she wishes to stay on as Accounts reviewer.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>SF</p>
<p>6. Head Teachers Report</p> <p>A slide presentation is attached providing additional information in relation to this report.</p> <p>S1 transition has gone very well and the new year group have settled well.</p> <p>School role is 919 from 866 in January. School design capacity is 1,000.</p> <p>Staffing – 11 new staff members including 6 probationers</p>	

<p>The SQA results have been very good overall and support is being provided to those students who didn't achieve the levels expected. The increased level in Higher attainment is extremely positive and is attributed to continuing monitoring, more support and the very positive culture in the school which encourages good results and hard work.</p> <p>Chinny and Maggie commended the school's performance.</p> <p>Mr Mackay confirmed that the school are happy with the progression of the School Improvement Plan. Formal analysis of the progress of the Plan by the Council will be available in September but the school believes that improvements can be seen overall. The High School is well supported by the provisions put in place by the local Primary Schools.</p> <p>Mr Mackay also noted that it was good to see that closing the improvement gap had not had a detrimental effect on the high achieving pupils at Dunblane High. He also confirmed that good teaching practises and good home support are key.</p> <p>The S6 further education pathways process is underway. Mentors are in place and will ensure that application deadlines are met. Chinny offered to provide support for pupils interested in following a medical career since the entrance exam for this can take up to 1 year to prepare for.</p>	<p>CI/SM</p>
<p>7. Sub-Committee Reports</p> <p>Career Fair – Lorraine confirmed that very positive feedback was received from all involved. This year's Fair is scheduled for June 2018 and will target the current S3,4 &5 year groups. Signage will be improved.</p> <p>It is hoped that perhaps 80-100 parent volunteers could be involved this time.</p> <p>Lorraine suggested that perhaps the PC could provide assistance with the Pathways event organised by Mr Noakes and this will be discussed with him during a meeting next week. In addition we may be able to provide support in connection with building life skills to the young people – interview techniques, application completion etc. These points will also be raised at the meeting with Mr Noakes.</p> <p>S5 work experience – can the parent volunteers involved with the Fair support to the existing strategy?</p> <p>Lorraine confirmed that a meeting is also arranged with Nicky Malcolm newly appointed at the school dealing with career matters, to ensure the PC endeavours are not overlapping.</p>	<p>LT/VS</p>

<p>Fundraising matters - it was agreed that, apart from a Christmas Raffle at the school concert, no further fundraising is required by the PC at present. Could each member of the PC try to get 1 raffle prize for the Christmas Raffle to avoid the workload falling onto a single person.</p> <p>Mr Mackay confirmed that the school pupil MAD group will hold various fundraising events throughout the year.</p> <p>Randolph Hill – Lorraine confirmed that the residents who came to watch the school show at the end of last term had a wonderful time.</p> <p>Any pupil interaction has been welcomed by the facility – singing/visits/ Duke of Edinburgh volunteers etc. and they have agreed to provide Alzheimer training for volunteers. They are also happy to take S5 pupils as volunteers during their Work Experience week if required.</p> <p>Maggie confirmed that she had a meeting arranged with them to discuss DofE volunteering. Lorraine confirmed that she has already organised for 6 of the S5 pupils to visit after school on a Thursday to speak with some of the residents about football and to offer pamper sessions.</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh – an assembly is arranged for those interested in obtaining their Bronze Award. Interest is high. Maggie commented that although a high number of parent volunteers have come forward, more trained expedition supervisors are required. Vicki to put a note on Facebook asking if any qualified supervisors can assist.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LT</p> <p>MG</p> <p>MG</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>8. Any Other Council Business</p> <p>Chinny is to speak with Mrs Imrie about possible science based after-school clubs.</p> <p>Date of the next Parent Council Meeting is 27th November 2017.</p>	<p>CI/LI</p> <p>ALL</p>