

# Dunblane High School Parent Council



## Draft Minutes for the Meeting of the Parent Council

9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Venue – McCarron Room

7.00 – 8.45pm

### Attendees

Sandy Fleming (Chair)

Stuart MacKay (Head Teacher)

Lesley Imrie (Depute Head)

Lynne Ross (Treasurer)

Vicki Sheridan (Secretary)

Lorraine Thomson (Fundraising)

Liz Fraser

Lydia Parish

Yamina Sadek-Kirk

France Reid

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Linsay Goodfellow (Vice-Chair), Louise Scott (CLPL) and Mark Spencer-Bowles

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Lynne approved minutes and was seconded by Lorraine.

### 3. Chair's Report

By way of introduction, Sandy briefly reviewed the previous minutes and the following comments were made:

- In future fundraising in connection with pupil led events will be coordinated through the High School supported by the PC if required (e.g. discos, dress down days, etc.). PC will deal with parent led events.
- The PC Facebook page is up and running. It has been set up as a source of information only and does not permit comment from users. It will be used to

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| <p>advertise up and coming events and to support the High School communication systems as required by the School.</p> <p>Sandy explained that an informal parent council meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December where fundraising and PC communication matters were discussed.</p> <p>Stuart MacKay introduced the Perceptions about Learning Group, consisting of France Reid and Yamina Sadek-Kirk and their presentation (copy attached).</p>  |                                     |
| <p><b>4. Facebook/Communication</b></p> <p>Sandy confirmed that the PC Facebook page would be maintained by the Chair and the Secretary. It will have a link to the school webpage and hopefully in the future also the school twitter account. Plan for the future is that all communication platforms will link/complement each other and this will allow parents and pupils to choose whichever means suits them best to keep up with school events.</p> <p>Stuart MacKay confirmed that in the future the school hopes to deliver important school communications to parents by email. They will continue to request that parents sign up for the Parent Pay system since this will produce a usable list.</p>   |                                     |
| <p><b>5. Fundraising</b></p> <p>Lorraine confirmed that a huge effort was made prior to Christmas selling calendars and while the monetary return was not perhaps as good as was hoped, all expenses were covered and a profit was made. In addition, the profile of the school and the PC was raised.</p> <p>Lorraine confirmed that the raffle was extremely successful and profitable and local businesses had been extremely happy to support the school when asked. Randolph Hill expressed an interest in furthering links with the school – including perhaps choir visits, pupils from the battlefield trip, Duke of Edinburgh candidates.</p> <p>Possible grant assistance is to be researched to determine whether the school or PC would qualify. Sandy to post on PC Facebook page requesting assistance from any parents with school grant application experience. Stuart MacKay suggested that the Community Council be approached since they are already involved at the school in connection with provision outdoor seating/facilities. Would local business sponsorship of ICT be an option?</p> <p>Lorraine to look at other local high schools to see how they fundraise.</p> <p>Lynne commented that a survey of all pupil year groups would be undertaken in June to determine which type of fundraising events would be of interest to the pupils.</p> | <p>SF/LT/LR</p> <p>LT</p> <p>LR</p> |

## 6. Head Teachers Report

Feedback from Parents evenings undertaken so far has been positive. Some overrun was experienced on S5/6 evening and school is considering splitting the year groups to give parents more time with teachers. An upcoming parents evening at St Modans is to be reviewed to see if they do anything differently.

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Standards and Quality report has been produced and is on the website. A limited number of hard copies are available if preferred.

School brochure is at printers and will be available by end of January as usual. School looking at whether brochure could be produced by end December next time.

Christmas concert was a complete success! The Matinée performance also worked well and it is hoped this will be repeated in the future.

Christmas parties also went very well and Mr MacKay commented that the S5/6 pupils were a credit to themselves. A meeting was held with pupil council to discuss the cost of the ticket (£18) since it was believed better value for money could be achieved. Review is ongoing.

Cathedral service was well attended and inspiring. However, more emphasis will be placed on attendance prior to the Easter service and it will be mandatory for S1-4. Attendance by S5/6 will be optional.

Mr MacKay confirmed the following appointments:

Kendal Delaney in English

James Denny has started in Geography

Tracey Perry is a new SLA

Stirling Council have secured funding to undertake improvements around the city over the next 10 years and to compliment this they have agreed to fund a school post for 1 year. Interviews for this DHT post will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. It is hoped that the school will reap benefits from the rejuvenation even after the temporary post has expired.

There was a smooth start to the S4-6 mock examinations which started today (Monday 9<sup>th</sup>). This is the first time that the 3 year groups have had their exams at the same time. Mock exam results will be fed into school system to assist pupils.

School also hopes to have S3 experience formal exam conditions this year. S3 interviews and mock subject choices are ongoing and parents' night is scheduled for 25 January.

