

WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING

15 November 2023 at 7PM
Wallace High School Staff Room

Attendees:	
Scott Pennock, Headteacher	Karin Schiller, Uniform Bank
Karen Dunn, Chair	Louise Boyle
Emma Plank	Mandy Fox
Apologies:	
Alison Notman, Treasurer	Jaki Robinson
Kym Anderson	Tor McKay
Shubhanna Hussain	Jay Brownlee
Emma Torrance	

Agenda Items:
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approved by Karin Schiller.
3. Matters Arising/Chairperson's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fundraising: The chair explained that we will raise funds through our tuck shops at various school events like the Christmas Concert, school shows, etc, along with selling raffle tickets for gift baskets. Mr Pennock passed on Mrs Steel's request for Tuck Shop support during the upcoming Winter Dance and Cheer Showcase on Thursday, 7th December 2023, 7pm to 9pm. AC: Chair to organise tuck shop and contact the PTN Helping Hands group for volunteers to run tuck shop at the Winter Showcase and the Christmas Concert.Disabled Parking Bays: We ask parents, carers, pupils and visitors to understand and respect the purpose of these bays and not use them if their children, etc are not disabled. AC: Chair to send out requests to the community for their support.Dog Fouling: This continues to be a problem so the group discussed trying to share the message - to ask visitors to the grounds to be respectful and collect their dog waste so our pupils can use the grounds positively. AC: Chair to send out requests to the community for their support.
4. Modern Language Pupils Funding Proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Three pupils from the Modern Language Dept gave a presentation in regards to raising funds to purchase a 'Welcome' roller banner for the school lobby. The banner would have the word 'Welcome' printed in a variety of languages and hopefully offer a friendly message when visitors enter our school lobby. The pupils proposed that they would sell lavender bags for £2 each and asked us to match the funds that they would raise through the sales. The group suggested that the PTN could buy the banner at an approximate cost of £150.00 and the pupils could keep the funds they raise to use for class excursions and projects. The group approved the purchase of the banner. AC: Chair will attend the S2 Parents/Carers' Evening on Tuesday, 28th November, 4.30-7.10pm with the PTN Sumup machine to help the pupils sell their lavender bags with card sales.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Funds for the period from previous mtg (4.09.23) until 12.11.23: £1848.01;
- Expenditure before closing bank balance: £100.00 (Ochil House donation).

6. Uniform Bank:

- The jacket event was well supported as many pupils came along to access the jackets and parents/carers accessed the uniform supply during the S1 Parents/Carers Evening on 8.11.23.
- **Reminder:** If anyone would like to make any donations they can be dropped off at our **new collection bin located at 40 Woodside Rd, Raploch, FK8 1PS (down the road from Bayne's Bakery)**, the school office or the donation box in the school lobby. Please place washed items in a carrier bag - all gently used uniform items, school sportswear and shoes in clean condition are welcome. Please email the Uniform Bank team at whs.uniformbank@gmail.com or the PTN at wallacehighptn@gmail.com for any uniform needs. **AC: Chair to send out reminders of upcoming dates.**

7. Ochil House Report:

- Jaki and Kym gave their apologies as they are preparing for the Ochil House Festive Fundraiser which will be held tomorrow evening, Thursday, 16th November 2023, from 7-9pm in Ochil House at WHS. Everyone is welcome.

8. Headteacher's Report

- **Stirling Council 'Big Conversation' - Potential Budget Cuts 2024-25:** Mr Pennock explained to the group that Stirling Council is holding meetings with communities and residents called the 'Big Conversation.' The purpose of the meetings and an online survey is to address the estimated £13 million budget shortfall for 2024-25 and share with everyone the proposed cuts to cover the shortfall. The group discussed the cuts and how parents can have their say on different options. **AC: Chair to Inform parents/carers of the survey and drop in sessions and encourage people to participate.**
- **The savings proposals in this survey include: (those listed in bold and starred affect education, high schools and our young people)**
 - Bus services
 - Parking
 - Garden waste collection charge increase
 - Remove free special uplift concession for over 60s
 - Stop grass or verge cutting
 - Redesign the stray dog service
 - Closing Libraries
 - Reduce economic development service
 - Website changes
 - Remove 'taxicard' subsidy
 - Reduce 'dial-a-journey' funding
 - Events
 - Road-end collection Policy
 - Stop greenspace ranger service
 - Fee charging for surveying services for non-housing ownership enquiries
 - Community centres
 - Empty homes and 2nd homes Council Tax
 - Use council flats for temporary homeless accommodation

- Reduce spending on maintenance
- Create a new in-house trades service
- Stop providing non statutory pest control services
- Stop providing non statutory advice to local small businesses
- Marketing marriage services
- Remove the community grant scheme
- Reduction in services
- Close Crianlarich Nursery
- Change in operating model for nurseries
- Increase non statutory childcare fees
- Creche, play and out of school care service
- **Nursery teachers**
- **Reduce additional support needs outreach team***
- **P5 primary school swimming**
- **Devolved school management**
- **School transport***
- **Remove additional hours***
- **Remove nurture teachers in primaries**
- **Music and PE teachers**
- **Reduced length of the school week***
- **Reduce community based universal youth provision***
- **Detached youth work***
- Public toilets
- **Review support in children and families services**
- Resource allocation group
- Council tax
- **Big Conversation Survey:**
<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/council-and-committees/budget/big-conversation/>
- **Drop-in Sessions:**
 - Wallace High School - Monday, 20th November, 6pm to 7.30pm
 - Bannockburn High School - Wednesday, 22nd November, 6pm to 7.30pm
 - Dunblane High School - Monday, 27th November, 6pm to 7.30pm

9. AOB:

- **Item for next mtg:** Mr Pennock will discuss, at PTN request, the Hayward Review which is the report, authored by Professor Louise Hayward, which sets out a number of key recommendations for the Scottish Government on the qualifications system in Scotland and how it can best support learners in schools and colleges.
- **Item for next mtg:** Mr Macleod will attend the next meeting to discuss the Parental Engagement Team and some of their upcoming initiatives.
- If there are any issues or concerns parents/carers should contact the school as the staff are always willing to help. The PTN are also available to offer support. **It is important to note that there are only 2 phone lines into the school office so please email the school if the phone is not answered at wallacehs@stirling.gov.uk.** Someone will reply/respond to the email.

Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 7-8pm
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