

## Wallace High Parent Teacher Network Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### Present:

Fara McAfee (Chair), Helen Hawthorn (Treasurer), Gill King (Secretarty) Scott Pennock (Head Teacher), Alison McGregor, Maureen Firth, Kitty Gallan, Jane Riley, Sandra Hayashibara, Ngozi Izuchu Kuou, Kath McMaster.

### Apologies:

Jen Adams, Jen Bairner, Nick French, Colleen Swagar, Lynn Cooke

### Matters Arising

Regarding the S4 award - It was discussed that we should get a list of current senior awards from Mrs Harris to decide the criteria of the award and what the physical award should be. This will be awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony in the new academic year.

**Action:** Gill to email Mrs Harris & price awards.

Mr Pennock gave feedback regarding costings for producing a Banner advertising the PTN through the school supplier, this was thought to be too costly. It was discussed that we should source this independently and suggested t hat we contact Mr MacDonald regarding running a competition to create a logo for the PTN. We would like the Banner to be available for the next school year.

**Action:** Sandra to source Banners & price.

PTN Insurance was discussed and the fact that Fara was unable to log in & access the form required to apply for insurance. Mr Pennock confirmed that the PTN are covered by the school insurance if supporting a school event.

**Action:** Fara to email Paul Ramsay

### **Recycle Project Report**

It was discussed how to move forward with the Recycle Project and decided that it would wait till the next academic year.

A committee should be set up including PTN members, teaching staff and possibly senior pupils. An event could be held after the Christmas break.

### **Fundraising Committee Report**

It was discussed that we would need to recruit more members before we could have a specific PTN event rather than just supporting the school.

Burns Night was discussed; it was decided that this should start being organised in September giving the option to have a St Andrews day celebration. The event could be more of a social/fun event rather than traditional and include the community.

**Action:** Mo to look into options

### **Communication Team Report**

Sandra & Jane are meeting with Paul after the Easter Holidays. They are looking for Photos for PTN page & a logo as discussed earlier.

### **Treasurers Report**

£99 was made at the fashion show.

The balance stands @ £1462

### **PTN Office Bearers**

Gill and Helen have decided to step down from their posts at the next AGM. Mo and Kitty have offered to take up their positions.

It was decided that the next meeting should be the AGM so the new office bearers are in place at the start of the new academic year.

### **Parent/Carer Questions**

**Wallacea fundraising:** Mr Pennock was asked how the school will support those pupils fundraising for the Wallacea trip.

The school agreed to 1 uniform free day per term with ½ proceeds going to charity and ½ to Wallacea. They are happy to support individuals and groups by using school space and to help publicise the event.

**Chaperones at school events:** School events are chaperoned by teachers. This is due to Disclosure Scotland and an established understanding of rules between teachers and pupils.

**6<sup>th</sup> yr Year Book:** A complaint was made regarding last years Year Book that content seemed frivolous and not a good representation of the school, nor value for money.

The Year Book is organized by the 6<sup>th</sup> year themselves with them choosing a committee to organize the funding and content for this. The school have limited control however, it is vetted by Mrs Ritchie prior to printing.

**National 5 Assignments:** Mr Pennock was asked whether there were plans to stagger the National 5 assignments in the future.

In the future S4's will be sitting only 7 National 5s. They will be having a Principal Teacher meeting to discuss next years calendar, considering sitting the prelims before Christmas to give more time.

**Senior Awards Ceremony:** if past pupils attending the Awards Ceremony are encouraged to wear their own blazer which show their colours.

Duke of Edinburgh: Mr Pennock was asked to find out why some of the pupils who took part in last years DoE still haven't received a certificate of completion.

**Action:** Mr Pennock to speak to Mrs Aldjo

**Defibrillators in School:** Mr Pennock was asked if we were going to get a defibrillator for the school.

Mr Ramsay is in the process of costing one for the main school and one for Ochill House.

### **Head Teachers Report**

- Staffing: we have a new Chemistry teacher for next year; Amy Stewart from West Lothian.
- Revised Update for Uniform: After consulting with the pupils; S4 blazers will now be braided. The pupils felt that as they were considered as seniors in S4

this should be represented in their Blazers. Braiding can be added to plain blazers by Logo Express. Braided Blazers are approx. £15 more than plain.

- Healthy Eating: In the new school year healthy eating is going to be encouraged and promoted. Consideration is being made to direct online payment to the school cards. Pupils are being consulted.
- Events: Andy Murray and Sir Chris Hoy are going to be filming in the school on 23<sup>rd</sup> April when Andy Murray receives the key to the City and an honorary degree from Stirling University. There are possibilities of more BBC events being hosted by Wallace High in the run up to the Referendum.

**Next Meeting (AGM)**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**@ 7pm**