

Wallace High Parent Teacher Network AGM

Wednesday 4th June

Present:

Fara McAfee (Chair), Helen Hawthorn (Treasurer), Gill King (Secretary), Scott Pennock (Head Teacher), Alison McGregor, Maureen Firth, Kitty Gallan, Jane Riley, Sandra Hayashibara, Jen Bairner, Judith Campbell, Colleen Swagger and Judith Campbell.

Apologies:

Kath McMaster, Councillor Ruskell

Matters Arising

Mrs Harris will get back to us with suggestions of an award, our suggestion of 'Creative Writing' Award for the S4's has already been taken.

- Banner – this is best ordered through the school to save on VAT
- PTN Insurance – this is not urgent as we are covered by the school insurance if we are supporting a school event.

Action: Paul Ramsay to look into it.

- Last years 6th year Year Book did not come back to the school for its final proof read.

Councillor Ruskell

Councillor Ruskell was not able to attend. He will attend at a future date.

Reallocation of Posts

Maureen Firth will take over from Gill King as Secretary.

Kitty Gallan will take over from Helen Hawthorn as treasurer. Helen will present accounts at next meeting.

Fara McAfee will remain in the post of Chairperson.

PTN Moving Forward

The following are the direction the PTN would like to go in the future.

- Parent Forum Meetings – these will be regularly attended by Kitty and Mo and they will give feedback on these. These meetings are however, open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- PTN to be more involved in the School planning. Mr Pennock assured us that the schools put what it hears at the PTN meetings & messages from Parents to formulate the overall planning. A parent focus group may be set up to aid in this.

- Work Experience – we would like to develop an spreadsheet of contacts for our young people - parents / small businesses /Stirling University / Forth Valley College.
- Mindfulness
- Recycling – this is on going.

Future Events

The PTN would like the school to consider holding certain events.

- ICT/ Edmodo and how it's used by pupils for homework. Mrs Harris has a homework focus group and she is looking at how it can be improved.
- Building Self Confidence
- Work Experience
- Positive Destinations for every pupil, career services using different routes.
- Drug Awareness for Parents, involving PC Brown and medical experts.

Duke of Edinburgh

The PTN would like a leaflet explaining how it works within the school to circulate to parents of young people interested in DofE including a link to the website.

Headteachers Report

- Educational support budget for 2014/15, there is an overall cut of £1.5k for staffing, resulting in less flexibility.
- New staffing for 2014/15: 4 probationers, Mr Rough taking over as Faculty Manager (Science), Mr Blyth given a temporary contract for a year.
- 97% of all young people got their first choice of 5 highers.
- Over the few years, we could be up to 6 teaching staff down due to cuts.
- Increased suite of higher to be introduced this year, introducing politics as a subject.

Sponsored Walk

To be held on 5th September 2014 – half the proceeds to go to school funds and half to go to Kidney Kids charity. The cluster primary schools will also join in the event.

Next PTN meeting

~~Monday, 1st September 2014~~ at 7pm (**subsequently rescheduled to Monday, 8th September 2014 at 7pm**).