

Minutes of Parent Teacher Network Meeting

Wallace High School

21st November 2012

Present: Linda Horsburgh (Headteacher), Fara McAfee (Chair), Helen Hawthorn (Treasurer), Gill King (Secretary), Mo Firth, Kitty Gallan, Yvonne Walker, Catherine Dunnachie, Kath McMasters, Karen Benson, Jen Bairner, Rachel Metcalfe, Alison Notman, Burdbar Mustafa, Liza Mustafa, Sandra Hayashibara, Jane Riley, Linda Donaldson (Ochil House), Nick French, Lynne Goldie, Donna Rodgers.

Apologies: Jane Macer, Euan & Eilidh from PR Team

1. Welcome and Introduction by Chair

2. Matters Arising: no matters arising from previous minutes.

3. 6th Year PR Team

Euan and Eilidh were unable to attend due to school work commitments. Mrs Horsburgh explained their remit as a PR Team was to aid in promoting the school, Euan is the photographer while Eilidh helps with the write-ups.

4. Sponsored Walk Feedback

- Feedback was given by Jen Bairner. The walk was held on Friday 14th September and raised £4 571.
- The University were pleased with how the walk went. Pupils enjoyed it, behaved immaculately and were a credit to the school.
- It was discussed about the possibility of getting a charitable 'matching scheme' where a company would match funds raised by the school.
- Last year the money was spent on specialist sport equipment and computer upgrading; this year the money has not been allocated yet but will possibly go towards upgrades within the Faculty of Science.
- Jen said she was happy to deal with the relevant applications from the Council, the Police and the University. We agreed that a date for next years sponsored walk will be set at the next PTN meeting for September 2014.

Actions

Agree date for next Sponsored walk – All
email parents re possible contacts for 'matching scheme' – GK

5. Head Teachers Report

- Mrs Horsburgh announced the new Headteacher to be Mr Scott Pennock who will start at the beginning of the new term in January.
- Our Business Class link with Prudential is extremely successful. 20 pupils in S3 work with Prudential staff on Enterprise &

Employability; they have been so impressed with our pupils that they have staff requesting to become part of the programme. 40 other pupils who show leadership skills or those who need a boost are working with Prudential staff taking them through the Sky Sport for living. 2 of our S3 pupils are presenting to the Director of Lloyds bank.

- School of Sport
 - Official launch of Scottish School of Sport will take place on Tues 27th November.
 - There was discussion on journey from the School of Football and the School of Rugby to the School of Sport. The appointment of a principal teacher of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport (PEPAS) rather than just PE. The partnerships with Stirling University, Active Stirling, Scottish Football Association(SFA), Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), Basketball Scotland & Sport Scotland. Basketball, Swimming and Dance will be included in the School of Sport soon.
 - Stirling University's role was discussed; they will provide coaching which will be linked to undergraduates research into changes in health levels & motivation using the PEPAS model.
 - The School of Sport has grown faster than anticipated with the number of pupils participating going up drastically and governing bodies waiting to work with the school.
 - After discussions with FES & Gateway, a mountain bike track around the school grounds will be added soon.
- Over the summer the schools technology was brought up to date. 3D software & ipads are available to use in Science, Social Subjects, art and technology. We are the only school in Forthvalley with WiFi.
- Comenius – the second project will be coming up, targeting S3- S5, entitled 'Fit for Work'. Including Germany and Italy. There will be an Assembly for the children and Wallace will be looking for host families for about 4 nights.

6. Treasures Report

- £164.94 inherited from the previous committee.
- It was asked whether we are able to see the school fund account.

7.Update on Website Upgrade

- Sandra fed back that we now have PTN site on the Wallace High website but it has not gone live yet. Sandra & Jane will be meeting with Paul Ramsay who will show them how to upload onto the web page. There will also be a Facebook & twitter link for the PTN, these will be hidden but can be used in the future if needed. At present we felt that the Wallace High Facebook & twitter links are sufficient.

- Once the Facebook is live then a text will be sent from the school to 'like' the Facebook link to get the news feeds.
- It was discussed that the photos on the website should be updated with the current 6th year.

Actions

Meet with Paul Ramsay for 'upload of information' lesson – SH & JR

8. Christmas Fayre

- The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 1st Dec, 10am – 12.30pm
- It was discussed that we would 'man' the stall selling Wallace High Christmas cards provided by the Art dept. the designs are still to be confirmed.
- Sandra suggested having a plant stall and has a contact that she is going to ask.

Actions

Speak to Paul Ramsay; Check that the Cards are confirmed and what is needed.- GK

Get float for Fayre – HH

Speak to plant contact – SH

9. S5/6 Parents night

- A request was made for volunteers to represent the PTN at the S5/6 Parents night on Thursday 6th December, 4.30 – 7pm. Mo, Gill, Helen & Kitty offered to split the time between them.

10. Fundraising Sub-Committee

- It was suggested that a separate Fundraising Committee should be set up. Jen, Mo & Kitty offered to be part of this.

Actions

Jen, Mo & Kitty to meet to discuss future events.

Create fundrasing group in PTN email contacts - GK

11. Parental Issues

- Paper copy of calendar – these were felt to be obsolete as the website calendar has been updated.
- Homework diaries – homework diaries are given to all S1-S3 pupils, senior pupils can have one on request.
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards(DofE) – there is information through the daily bulletin and tannoy announcements. Mrs Horsburgh informed us that we have the largest uptake and completion of the DofE of any State School. We are limited by the number of staff trained as DofE leaders. It was suggested that we could recruit more volunteers from the parents.

12. AOB: Christmas Concert 19th December, 7pm – 10pm

Actions

Fundraising committee to discuss opportunities – JB, KG,MF

13. Date of next PTN Meeting -
Wednesday Jan 23rd 2013 @ 7.30pm