

# WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING



SEPTEMBER 1 2016 7PM

## Minutes

1. Attendance: Colleen Swagar, Wendy MacKinnon, Janice Morgan-Singh, Victoria MaKay, Viv Hanson, Lindsey Scott, Jackie Gee-Faulkner, Alison Gow, Jennifer Bairnes, Janet Laverty, Rachael Metcalf, Donna Harris, Scott Pennock
2. Apologies: Eve Kidd, Jill King
3. Fundraising info/sponsored walk: 10<sup>th</sup> Sept ~9:15am-11:30am is the date/time for the walk.
  - Event takes place around the Loch on University of Stirling campus.
  - Police service will assist with road crossing safety. Walk marshals will be stationed along the walk.
  - Students will be advised to bring a water bottle.
  - Walk sponsor sheets have been distributed. Sponsor sheets should be returned at the latest by 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.
4. Matters arising from last meeting: Funds currently in the PTN account will be allocated to the faculties in the school for use toward resources needed within each faculty. Mr. Pennock will request a list of needs from each faculty.
5. Treasurer's report- Presented by Wendy MacKinnon: based on the last statement presented at the AGM there is approximately £1200.00 in the PTN account.
6. Communications: Janice has been updated on all the platforms.
  - The new school website is due to be launched in late October.
  - There was some discussion on how to increase the use of twitter. It was suggested that the twitter account could be promoted at the S1 evening.
  - Positive discussion occurred with feedback around the user friendly 'Payparent' system. This has made it much easier to make payments for school trips and track lunch spending.
  - Show My HomeWork will be launched late October early November. Parents will be able to see what work their pupils are doing, when it is due and what the results are.
  - PTN mailbox is refreshed each year with new members added and an opt out option for graduated pupils.
  - Scott Pennock will have an email sent to all families inviting new members for the PTN.

7. Ochil house representative: Presented by Alison Gow
  - Ochil house is looking for outdoor equipment funding for items such as wheel chair swings and a ground level trampoline.
  - There is a coffee morning 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month for parents and carers at 10:30am.
8. Headteacher report: Presented by Scott Pennock
  - Good start to the year, thanks to families and parents for encouraging the uniforms.
  - School results will be published 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. These are expected to show the continuing trend of improvement similar to the last three to four years.
  - A bid for 'Attainment Challenge Funding' was put in during the last week of August.
  - One new full time teacher has been hired, Mrs. McCaffery in Spanish
  - A covered cycle storage and outdoor seating area will be in place after the October break.
  - There is a mentoring program for pupils aspiring to five higher.
9. Seating/locker facilities: seating issues during lunch are expected to resolve themselves as pupils adjust to learning how to share the space. Additional space can be requested by students such as a classroom or hall areas.
10. General communications: Pupils and parents can access the identified year group support staff person for initial needs. Requests would then be forwarded to specific teachers if needed. A specific teacher may then respond to a parent/pupils inquiry.

School Trips: Notices usually contain the school contact person for emergency reference. After school sport trips require planning and communication between parents and the pupils to confirm pick up times after the events. Coaches and teachers taking the sport teams out in the event of late return to the school will get all pupils to call their parents, make calls for any pupils that do not have a phone with them and will post on twitter.

11. AOB: DoE It has been suggested that Wallace make use of parents with expertise in this area in order to support the staff at Wallace who currently run the program. In particular the running of the Silver and Gold levels would be welcome. Donna Harris will leise with the DoE staff to determine how parent volunteers could be utilized.
12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26 October 7pm