



**WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7PM**  
**Wallace Room, Wallace High School, Stirling**

Attendees:	Apologies:
Wendy McKinnon (Chair)	Rachel Metcalfe
Donna Harris (Deputy Head)	Eve Kidd (Treasurer)
Alison Gow (OH Rep)	Elaine Cuthill
Janice Morgan-Singh (Comms)	Scott Pennock (Head Teacher)
Tor McKay (Secretary)	
Moira Anne Jack	
Rachel Blackburn	
Blair Paton (Deputy Head Boy)	
Lucy Birkin (Deputy Head Girl)	
Gill Newall	
Theresa Taylor	

Agenda Items:	Action:	Who:
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions:</b> Chair opened the meeting at 7pm thanks and introductions made.	Chair	WM
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Apologies given and accepted (as above).	Chair	WM
<b>3. Treasurers Report:</b>	Treasurer	EK
<b>4. Communications Co-ordinator Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working access to the PTN website.</li> <li>• Ideas for content (News section) welcome, please send in via PTN mailbox</li> <li>• Working on questionnaire for Careers Fair</li> </ul>	Comms Co-ordinator	JMS
<b>5. Ochil House (OH) Report:</b> Very busy first term as always. Senior pupils have 2 sessions each at Greenroutes and Forth Valley College (FVC). At College a Group are doing a 6 week block of a variety of subjects including Child Health, Film Production, Work Experience, working towards possible work placements. This is enhanced by some of the 6 x S6s also following an Employability programme within school.  For the first time, 2 x S6 pupils have been elected as Head Boy and Head Girl of Ochil House, where they are beginning to take a lead role in the department, developing their responsibility and maturity. On behalf of WHS PTN, we would like to congratulate Jack Martin and Taylor Cairney and wish them a successful year in their significant roles.  Looking forward to this week's Open Evening for potential parents/carers of P7 pupils and S1 parent/carers. Since the beginning of term, OH have welcomed 2 new pupils who are a great asset to the department, and we welcome a new S1 girl and S5 boy.  Topic work in S1/2 is India.  In S3/4 also India and 'All About Me'.  S5/6, very full timetable with College / Greenroutes but also focusing on Core Skills/life skill and Health & Wellbeing.  Classes are enjoying periods with mainstream's Spanish Teacher Mrs Bell and	Ochil House Rep	AG

<p>Technical with Mrs Crawford and Mrs McAdam. They are making excellent progress towards their John Muir award making Bug Boxes and things for the garden.</p> <p>Music Therapy continues with great enthusiasm and effort. Suz and Rory are returning following the October holiday from Scottish Music Youth initiative for 21 weeks where all classes will follow a new theme across music and arts following last year's successful Carnival theme. Big Noise are taking 2 groups on a Tuesday and are having lots of fun doing a Garage App!!</p> <p>Finally, on behalf of the PTN, I would like to congratulate S3 pupil Jenna Wardrop who participated in the Forth Valley Disability School Swimming Championships on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September '17 at the Grangemouth complex. Jenna won 3 gold medals and has now been selected to compete in the National Championships in Glasgow in November – a great achievement – well done Jenna!</p>	<p>Ochil House Rep</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p><b>6. Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced, and welcomed them to tonight's and future meetings</li> </ul>	<p>Chair</p>	<p>WM</p>
<p><b>7. Young Carers Rep:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overviewed very successful previous trip (funded by ceilidh) and asked that this be considered again with upcoming Ceilidh fundraiser (17/11/17)</li> <li>• Period of Home Economics: learning to cook inexpensive meals / recipe book / prepare food inexpensively / how to feed themselves without resorting to takeaways or packet meals.</li> <li>• All about the social interaction, not focussed on caring responsibilities</li> <li>• Work with Stirling Carers service: do 1:1 work with young people / organise trips / overwhelmed with the number of people on the waiting list</li> <li>• Provides a stop-gap just now. Ability to inform if someone needs to be 'fast tracked' from the waiting list (waitlist is currently about 50 in number)</li> <li>• Looking for funding for cooking resources and possible trips to bond the young carers (pupils) as a team.</li> <li>• Some examples of what is done with the young carers: provide food related experience (e.g. take them to a Pizza styled restaurant for pizza making session and social experience) Gill Newell to come along to Ceilidh to do a mini presentation/overview.</li> <li>• Approximately 18 young people currently being supported within the school.</li> <li>• Can be identified by self, referred by Barnardos, Carers Fair, various means by which young people are referred.</li> <li>• Can be isolating, the group provides valued social interaction and identification</li> </ul>		
<p><b>8. Head Teacher's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SP at Conference at Henley linked to Play Unified.</li> <li>• Huge thanks re sponsored walk. Approximately £4k has been raised.</li> <li>• PTN donated Freddos went down a treat!</li> <li>• Staffing updates: acting faculty leader of Creative Industries will be appointed this week (covering mat leave)</li> <li>• Thursday pm: Interviews for Spanish Teacher role</li> <li>• Test drilling underway for Bike Shed</li> <li>• Home Economics: query linked to payment having been made (£20) yet young person had reported that had not been able to cook. Curriculum is a full one, including theory, being mindful of wastage. Not a funding issue. Have access to same as in previous years.</li> </ul>	<p>Head Teacher</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p><b>9. Recycling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Teacher approached by Chair regards setting up recycling within the school. WM raised this with SP, SP going to look into getting this set-up within the school. Though trialled previously, given that at home this is much more the 'norm' then it could be worthwhile revisiting. Previously had bins just for bottles / cans. Suggestion made to link to House Points, felt to likely</li> </ul>		

<p>be more successful at Primary level with House Points being more appropriate for Sports Day.</p>		
<p><b>10. Ceilidh Progress:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need raffle prizes (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> prize type of thing)</li> <li>• Still to conclude final ticket price</li> <li>• Have engaged with School catering team, awaiting prices which will enable final ticket price to be determined (factoring in costs of the band).</li> <li>• Want to encourage as many families as possible, be as inclusive as possible.</li> <li>• Ceilidh to be used as fundraising activity for this, as well as Play Unified (50/50 split)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>11. 50/50 Draw: drawn live at the PTN Meeting by Deputy Head Boy &amp; Girl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number 42 = Jude Thomson (£5)</li> <li>• Number 18 = Janet Marshall (£5)</li> <li>• Number 30 = Wendy Craig (£5)</li> <li>• Number 33 = Kathleen Roberts (£10)</li> <li>• Number 20 = Janet Laverty (£20)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>12. Careers Night:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TM spoke with Peter Smith (Creative Industries) on 28/9</li> <li>• School running a comprehensive event during the day on 7/11 (TM invited)</li> <li>• Aimed at S3 – 6</li> <li>• Approximately 33 partners will take part (e.g. Uni. / Local Business / etc)</li> <li>• Objective is to help young people make logical links with world of work, to support positive destinations beyond the school</li> <li>• Daytime model is to ensure that as many young people are able to attend</li> <li>• Fiona Lafferty = Careers Advisor</li> <li>• PTN led event to complement school run event (January-February '18)</li> <li>• Key to factor in childcare provision and food if possible</li> <li>• Survey: consider asking 'what else can you offer' (e.g. work experience), will help shape the format. <b>At P7/S1 Parent's Night Peter Smith asked TM that survey be passed to him for review before issuing, in case School can ask for additional questions to be asked and remove the need to issue 2 similar surveys.</b></li> <li>• S3 Options evening in January '18 (10<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• DH shared that Young People can be anxious about course choices so this is very relevant</li> <li>• Opportunity for some of the male carers to get involved</li> </ul>		
<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>13.</b> Finish Times? Be helpful to know approximate times when meetings are expected to end.</p> <p><b>14.</b> Video shown yesterday? Parent shared that had 2 quite upset children... PC Brown showed the video, impact was intended to be a 'hard message' and was positioned by PC Brown. DH will advise PC Brown that there has been this impact. Option was given for young people to leave before video was shown. Suggested that letter is issued to Parents/Carers prior to this type of 'lesson' giving Parent/Carer option of asking that young person is not shown content.</p> <p><b>15.</b> Old link on website re extra-curricular activities (2015). Be good for it to include lunch time activities in addition.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey re PTN led Careers Fair to be concluded and issued.</li> <li>- Career Fair Survey to be passed to Peter Smith before issuing, for additional questions input (remove risk of duplication with school issuing similar survey).</li> <li>- Final Ceilidh preparations (ref. point 10).</li> <li>- School website link regards Extra-Curricular activities to be updated.</li> </ul>	<p>PTN</p> <p>DH</p> <p>JMS</p> <p>JMS</p> <p>JMS</p> <p>JMS</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November '17 at 7pm</p>		