



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING

23/01/2017 at 7PM

Wallace Room, Wallace High School, Stirling

Attendees:	Apologies:
Scott Pennock (SP) – Head Teacher	Jackie Gee-Faulkner
Janet Lafferty	Rachel Blackburn
Janice Morgan-Singh (JMS) - Comms	Kate Buchanan
Karen Morrison	
Wendy McKinnon (WM) - Chair	
Eve Kidd (EK) - Treasurer	
Alison Gow (AG) – OH Rep.	
Tor McKay (TM) - Secretary	

Agenda Items:	Action:	Who:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions: Chair opened the meeting at 7pm. Everyone known to each other so no requirement for formal introductions.</p>	Chair	WM
<p>2. Apologies: Apologies given and accepted (as above).</p>	Chair	WM
<p>3. Treasurers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £450 'Wish List' Club Invoice awaited • Xmas Concert £95 on tuck / Raffle £85 / Mulled Wine £80 • Bank Balance is £2500 currently, £450 Club refund claim not yet in • Rough average raised annually through fundraising efforts = c.£1200 	Treasurer	EK
<p>4. Communications Co-ordinator Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 responses to survey (issued mid-December 2017) • Budgeting Skills workshop – nil responses • Cooking on a Budget – nil responses • Landscaping – good response • Practice Interview panel – good response • Careers night – some response, need more support • Help I've got a Teenager – some response (link to Mental Health focus within school) <p style="text-align: center;">Survey is still open, you can access it here (just take a few minutes to complete!)</p>	Comms Co-ordinator	JMS
<p>5. Ochil House (OH) Report: Wish all young people and staff in Ochil House, and all friends in mainstream, a happy and healthy 2018!</p> <p>A very exciting start to the term, with a visit on Wednesday 10th January from Mr John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Annabelle Ewing, MSP, from Scottish Government and dignitaries from Stirling Council. This was to launch an Update to the Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Act, which gives young people the right to have their views taken into account.</p> <p>The first session was lots of fun, where our Visitors observed, talked about, and took part, in a Play Unified session. There was lots of chat with the Young People and our Play Unified Ambassadors. There was also a quick opportunity to play the fun activities on offer, such as 'balloon badminton' and basketball (see the fantastic photos on Ochil house twitter page: @OchilHouse)!</p>	Ochil House Rep	AG

<p>The second session involved meeting representatives from Stirling Cluster 7's (again photos can be viewed on Twitter via @OchilHouse) Young Ambassadors from each of Stirling's 7 secondary schools, meet once a month, to share their views on education. Ochil House Young Ambassadors are Timmy Kelly (S5) and Liam Welsh (S3). Over the next term, the group are working on an animation project at Forthside's Engine Shed. The animation is focussing on tackling bullying, which some Young People with ASN face in education</p> <p>Following Ochil House events this term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/01/18: Visit to Fire Scotland at Stirling Fire Station* • 26/01/18: Ochil House Burns Supper Shindig (2 – 3pm) • 31/01/18: Bag Book session with Diane Thornton** • 02/02/18: Invite received to attend St Modans' annual Burns Supper*** • 08/02/18: Ochil House coffee morning for Parents/Carers/Friends**** • 21/02/18: Primary 7 Transition begins. 4 new Young People joining • 08/03/18: Ochil House coffee morning (Makaton demo – Linda McLeod) <p>* Fire Station visit: 2 groups will attend a 40 minute session, as part of PSE, fire safety</p> <p>** Bag Book session: Diane Thornton will take groups of 5-6 children at a time, throughout the day. Bag Books provide multi-sensory stories for children and adults with ASN, where activities related to a story are brought alive using sensory resources, voice and emotion.</p> <p>***Approximately 6 Young People will be attending the St Modans' annual Burns Supper.</p> <p>**** 'Speaker/Visitor' for OH Coffee Morning to be confirmed. First coffee morning of the year was held on Thursday 11th January, with OH Occupational Therapist Alena Paton. This informative session was very helpful!</p> <p>A reminder to OH Parents/Carers, to contact the School Office between 8am – 4pm on (01786) 462166, with any queries, questions, or need for information. A member of the OH Staff will be in touch at the earliest convenient time.</p> <p>Finally, looking forward to (as always) a fun, positive, productive and hard working term!!</p>	<p>Ochil House Rep</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p>6. Head teacher Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Boy, alongwith another Young Person has been selected for the Scotland squad. School planning to support by taking a number of other young persons to the match. • Huge thanks to all parents/carers for their support in relation to the adverse weather experienced recently. • Noted the prestigious events recently experienced including visit from John Swinney (ref. OH report), and the BBC focus on the Mental Health work being done within the school. • Mental Health Week in plan: 5th February 2018. Aim is to have every group in the school to have contact with one external speaker (awaiting final confirmations). Number of focussed activities planned, including using a subject to talk about mental health, and a co-ordinated walk. Thursday of that week there are community events. Focussed on raising awareness. Long term plan is to build out into the community and into the Primary Schools. • Priority based budgets are now communicated. Different sessions in schools/other venues, to enable members of the community to come and learn about how the Council will utilise the available budget (including school 	<p>Head Teacher</p>	<p>SP</p>

<p>budget). Sessions dates and venue details have been communicated via PTN Facebook and Twitter feed due to short notice (22nd – 25th January '18). Budget decisions are 'informed' by public opinion, with Counsellors voting on them having gained insight from these public consultations.</p>		
<p>7. Matters Arising from last PTN meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceilidh update/actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th March 'Spring Fling' Band has been re-booked for rescheduled date. • Further separate meeting to be arranged to work through action plan • Career Event update/actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SP happy that PS and PTN agree focus / format / date / etc - TM to link back in with Peter Smith asap - Seek support from existing school event reps to complement PTN/Parent support - Event will cater for: Traditional professions / upcoming professions / apprenticeships / Trades - Event Brand: to be confirmed. The focus will be on 'Career Stories' and helping Young People appreciate the range of options open to them as well as possibility for careers not to go 'in a straight line' - Look to include 'Myth' buster aspect: 'not a real job' type remarks/closed thinking - Past pupils from Wallace High School? Scope to reach out to past pupils known to have succeeded in the world of work and have them come along to the event, ready to share their 'career story' - Indicative dates for event: w/c 19th March or w/c 26th March, or Mon/Tues/Wed w/c 23rd April - Pass onto Peter Smith the Parent/Carer names from the survey who can support with Interviewer support 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Secretary</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>TM</p>
<p>8. 50/50 Club Draw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5 = Wendy Waddell (no 29) • £5 = Geraldine Jones (no 96) • £5 = Janet Marshall (no 18) • £10 = Michael Boyle (no 22) • £20 = Pauline Drummond (no 87) <p>Well done to all this month's winners!</p> <p>Reminder that it's not too late to join the draw. Contact the PTN if you'd like to get involved in this fun fundraiser!</p>		<p>Draw was conducted during the meeting.</p>
<p>9. Parent's Queries/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Meals: parent has asked via PTN Chair, linked to Jamie Oliver press comment, in relation to offering more plant based food in schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PTN Meeting with other schools held at Dunblane the issue was raised around different quality of meal provision school to school. SP explained that there can be tension between cost / efficiency / healthy options. Generate base of questions which can be asked across all schools locally, to drive towards a positive impact. Need to minimise waste, maximise profits may be a notable factor which is what is getting in the way. Tie in the eco benefits (e.g. paper straws, low to no plastic, etc) Consider best way to approach is via 'incremental change' and influence the young people making better choices for themselves, making a positive difference over time. Balfron seen as 'top' in terms of what is on offer there. - SP expressed that school can influence to a point however external food outlets are not doing all that they can to help, for example: 1 or 2 litre bottle of fizzy juice costs the same or less than 500ml bottle. Opportunity definitely there for group of Parents/Carers to move 		

<p>forward desire to influence healthy eating as part of the health and wellbeing initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent feedback shared regards school meal provision: sometimes food not left/available when young person arrives in dinner hall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internet Safety event (Bridge of Allan Primary) on 8th of February at 7pm - Ceilidh: 9th March at 7.15pm (in aid of Play Unified and Young Carers) - Fashion Show: 14th March at 7pm (PTN Refreshments avail.) - PTN Meeting: 22nd March at 7pm - Spring Concert: 28th March at 7pm (PTN Refreshments / Raffle) - PTN Led Career event: TBC (aiming for Wednesday 25th April) 		
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<p>10. AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question was asked to how many pupils currently attend WHS. Budgets are based on ‘roll’ (number of pupils). SP advised there are circa 976 currently, however projections are made and factored in (for example, including new housing availability, etc) • Point was mentioned around PTN roles and the need to consider any requirement to change role holders, given Chair and others approaching being in role for 2 years. AGM will provide opportunity to appoint new office bearers, or endorse current role holders to continue. • On behalf of parental feedback received informally it was raised that there can be a significant cost to purchase outfits for prom events. School will ensure it is clear that attending such events should not require young people to go to any significant outlay. SP will look to make this point as clear as he can. 		
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Got something to ask? Got some feedback to give? Have a view on what you think the PTN should focus on?
Please come along to the PTN Meetings... they're a great opportunity to hear what's going on in the School, and help ensure everyone's views are heard...

Date of Next Meeting: [Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7pm \(Wallace Room, Wallace High School\)](#)



We are really keen to hear from parents/carers from all walks of working life!
Please access this [short survey](#) to let us know what you do...

We're aiming to run a career event for any young person (parents/carers welcome too!) who wants to find out more about the variety of different jobs available, and hear personal experiences shared around different career journeys...career journeys don't always follow a straight path!