



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING
31st August 2017 at 7PM
Wallace Room, Wallace High School, Stirling

Attendees:

Scott Pennock (Head Teacher) - SP
 Donna Harris (Deputy Head) - DH
 Wendy MacKinnon (Chair) - WM
 Eve Kidd (Treasurer) - EK
 Janice Morgan-Singh (Communications Co-ordinator) - JMS
 Alison Gow (Ochil House Rep) - AG
 Tor McKay (Secretary) - TM
 Janet Laverty (Fundraising) – JL
 Rachel Blackburn
 Paula McColl
 Sandra Sankey
 Pauline Drummond
 Susan Chesterman

Apologies:

Moira-Ann Jack
 Jackie Gee-Faulkener
 Rachael Metcalfe
 Caroline McEwan

Agenda Items:	Action:	Who:
1. Welcome and Introductions: Chair opened the meeting at 7pm thanks and introductions made.	Chair	WM
2. Apologies: Apologies given and accepted (as above).	Chair	WM
3. Treasurers Report: Positioned that approx. £1500 in the Bank Account, and actively encouraging that money be used rather than sit in account given purpose is to benefit the school/pupils.	Treasurer	EK
4. Communications Co-ordinator Report: 2 key themes from Survey feedback: 1. Workshops (Maths / Languages) 2. Sessions aimed at Parents/Carers to support kids (e.g. Internet Workshop) SP suggested PTN reach out to Parent/Carer demographic for input / ideas Also, suggested that be good to connect with Mr Smith (Creative Industries) Opportunity to link this feedback and workshop to upcoming Career Fair	Comms Co-ordinator	JMS
5. Ochil House Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session we have welcomed 4 x S1 pupils to Ochil House, with a total of 28. A new S5 young person will be joining the school soon. • The department have a new way of working within more inclusive year groupings. Group 1 is S1/2 with Mrs McKay, Group 2 is S3/4 with Mrs Gunn and Group 3 is the senior class S5/6 with Mrs Wilkes. Ochil Staff specialities are being utilised, with Mr McNair taking the YP for their periods of PE, Mrs Donaldson taking Science, Mrs Gillespie taking Maths/Music. Mainstream teachers also take OH YP for periods in e.g. Mrs Bell for Spanish, Mrs Spencer for Music and the Design & Technology Team. In this department the YP are working towards awards from the John Muir Trust. This involves presenting and making things within a nature theme. They are currently involved in designing and making bird feeders and bug boxes to improve the OH garden area. Other forthcoming events this term are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly coffee mornings beginning Thursday 7th September, the speakers are going to be the 2 school Psychologists talking about Mindfulness for Children. 	Ochil House Rep	AG

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored Walk 8th September • Involved in whole school Freshers Fair which offers opportunities to be involved in Lunch Clubs or ASCs. ASC can unfortunately only be accessed by OH YP with parent/carer support or arrangements due to transport issues. • Trip to M&Ds hosted by the Variety Club, Wed 13th September. • Finally, Mrs Donaldson had a meeting before the summer holidays with the Manager of FES regarding outside improvements. He said 'think big!'. On top of the swing/trampoline requests, Mrs Donaldson has also asked for a bigger covered area to be used as outdoor classroom, outside tap for watering garden and a bike shed. There is money there, so she is waiting to hear back from him... so watch this space! 	Ochil House Rep	AG
<p>6. PTN Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Bank: going really well, very much appreciated. PTN Chair keen to establish a regular slot where the UB will be open and accessible. SP commented that pupils are asking about it, and thanked PTN. • Active Kids Vouchers: via Sainsburys Voucher collection, the Home Economics department have benefitted from a range of resources (scales / measuring spoons / wire racks / & more). Will repeat voucher collection next time the initiative is run, however conscious pupils seem reluctant to hand these in, so will consider options to make it more likely to happen. • 50/50 Club: initial subscription level is good though room for more. ½ proceeds will go into PTN Funds, to be distributed out to school/pupils. ½ will be split into winnings across 10 draws (1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes). The more people who join, the greater the amount raised for PTN Funds to benefit the school, and the greater the individual prizes. Can join at any time, complete the form and pay one-off £10 entry fee. • Parent/Carer Queries-Comments: PTN Chair intimated that she is keen to ensure there is time for questions/comments to be raised, and to have a specific agenda space for this at future meetings. First query was raised 'Is there scope to have a sensory garden space for all pupils to access?' SP remarked that there is a good amount of green space so could be possible. Other idea put forward was: manpower/expertise from parents/carers, to which SP suggested a Parent/Carer who is interested in this to come along to a future PTN meeting to discuss in more detail. SP added that the move to get Bees set up & established is progressing and he anticipates a 'spring launch', with just permissions to secure. 	Chair	WM
<p>7. Deputy Head Teacher summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Tartan Ties for Seniors mentioned (a couple of ties were shown round PTN Group). Consensus was of approval, very smart. 	Deputy Head Teacher	DH
<p>8. Head Teacher's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored Walk: 5 stations to be manned by PTN. Mr Downie organising. Helpers (Marshalls to be at school (Office) for gam. Anticipate being finished around 11/11.30am. PTN to arrange chocolate Freddo type bars for pupils / teachers. • Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SP thanked all Parent/Carer support, stating it is very much appreciated. - SP met with Logo Express Manager, there will be just the one PE kit going forward, removing issue of more expensive kit being felt to be more strongly positioned via website and in shop. - Results: Available with 'Standards & Qualities' report, soon to be published (September '17). SP overviewed sustained results, indeed marked improvement, remarking how pleased he and the teaching staff were with the most recent results/attainment. - Bike Area / Outside Cover: SP stated he hoped that this grounds work would happen during the October break, pending a Drainage Survey which is now required <p>- Positive Destinations: SP outlined that school is benchmarked on how many final</p>	Head Teacher	SP

<p>year Pupils go onwards to a 'continuous destination' after leaving (e.g. Uni / College / Work / Gap year). Question was asked around whether Ochil House Young People are included, SP confirmed that they are. Results are taken as a 'snapshot in time' therefore illness / inability to work / YP deciding the course is not right and pulling out, can all impact negatively, and timing may mean the results are more positive than the actual. Just depends on when the survey is undertaken.</p>	<p>Head Teacher</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>9. AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Food Nation: Discussed that this might provide a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunity. • Careers Fair: discussed that PTN keen to complement the school's upcoming career event, reaching out to Parents/Carers willing to come along one evening and be on a stand where pupils (along with their Parents/Carers) can informally discuss career options, get a real feel for what different jobs/professions entail. Need to do communication to generate database of parent-carer helpers for the event, their jobs / skills / professions, and willingness to support. PTN Chair will discuss feasibility offline with SP. • Ceilidh: Band booked for November 17th 2017, preparations now need to be progressed (caterers / hall decorations / etc), sub-committee required to take this forward. Donations for raffle will be being sought. • Play Unified Meeting: AG updated that at Play Unified meeting on 30/8 discussions centred around expanding from sport focus to cover Arts / Home Economics / other subject areas. Question was asked as to which Pupil level are able to be involved with Paly Unified, SP confirmed that any child can be involved with Play Unified. Senior School pupils have spare lesson time to use to 'give back to the school'. <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarify scope to run Careers Fair in complement to school focus/event. - Establish Ceilidh sub-committee to drive action on key details in advance of event on 17th November 2017. - PTN support for Sponsored Walk required for 8th September '17 (complete) 	<p>PTN</p> <p>PTN</p> <p>PTN Chair</p> <p>PTN</p> <p>PTN/HT PTN</p> <p>PTN</p>	<p>JMS(?)</p> <p>TMcK</p> <p>WM</p> <p>AG</p> <p>WM/SP WM/ JL(?) Various</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 2017</p>		