



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING

29th August 2019 at 7PM
Wallace High School, Stirling

Attendees:	
Emma Torrance	Alison Gow
Janice Morgan-Singh	Janet Laverty
Donna Harris	Eve Kidd
Jackie Gee Faulkner	Scott Pennock
Kate	
Various parents - sign in sheet not provided	
Apologies:	
Tor McKay	Sandra Sankey

Agenda Items:	Action:	Who:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Mr Pennock began the meeting on behalf of the PTN as the post of chair has not been filled yet.</p>		
<p>2. Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bank Balance: £1700. ● The PTN agreed to give the school the following donations: £300 to the WHS Hub to purchase a small refrigerator and some dried food; Freddo Frog chocolates for each student upon completion of the Sponsored Walk; presents for the Erasmus delegation who will be visiting the school in September. ● The money raised from the sponsored walk will be used to help pay for the transport costs for the pupil activities. The transport costs have become expensive over the past few years. 	Treasurer	EK
<p>3. Communications Coordinator Report:</p> <p>Currently the Communications Coordinator is due to finish but will continue to stay in post until a volunteer takes over for her. Anyone interested in the post should contact the PTN. The post involves keeping Facebook and Twitter updated with events and news.</p>	Comms Coordinator	JMS

<p>4. Ochil House Report: Alison Gow as the Parent/Carer Representative from Ochil House gave an update about what's happening for the young people in Ochil House.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are 29 pupils in Ochil House this term and they are organised into the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group 1 consists of 7 students from S1/S2 with Mrs MacKay; ○ Group 2 consists of 7 students from S2/S3 with Mrs Wilkes; ○ Group 3 consists of 8 students from S4/S5 with Mrs Gillespie; ○ Group 4 consists of 7 students from S5/S6 with Mrs Gunn and their classroom is located in Powis 7 which is part of the mainstream school. ● M&D Trip: On the 4th September there will be a trip to M&D's for 19 young people from S1-S4. ● Fitness Suite Access: OH young people have access to the Fitness Suite and Weights room this session as part of the Health and Wellbeing Curriculum. The young people will also take part in other mainstream departments including Design and Engineering, Art, Music, Gaelic and PE. ● Farm Visits: There are 2 S6 young people and another young person from Ochil House attending the Tiny Farm at St Modan's High School on a weekly basis. They help to manage two raised beds and look after chickens and rabbits. ● OH Garden Development is hopefully going to begin soon, possibly during the October Holiday. ● End of Year Assembly which was postponed in June will now take place near the end of this term in October. ● OH Coffee Morning: This will take place on Thursday the 19th September during period 2 from 10.15-11am, the classroom to be confirmed. All Ochil house parents and carers are invited to attend. The first guest speaker will be Deborah Fraser the OT. More information regarding out monthly coffee mornings will be coming soon via a newsletter. ● Points of Interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I have had initial discussions with Mrs Donaldson to introduce two information events for hopefully June 2020. ○ Meet the Teacher Session: Session where children spend time with their teacher for the following session where that is appropriate (sometimes the pupil may stay with the same teacher so this may not be relevant). Again if the pupil is changing to a different room this would be an opportunity to reassure the pupil so they know where and who they will be with following the summer holidays. Information about SLAs would also be helpful obviously with some understanding that this may change. ○ Information Event: For parents carers of S4 Pupils in June 2020 to explain, share pictures and have the opportunity to find out more about the S5/S6 exciting opportunities e.g. green routes, college, Tiny Farm, etc. 	<p>Ochil House Rep</p>	<p>AG</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish OH young people and all staff a happy, productive and fulfilling 2019/2020 session! Cheery, Alison Gow 		
<p>5. Head Teacher's Report/Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bicycle Racks: Extension of the bike rack facilities is scheduled for October. ● Ochil House Outside Grounds Work: None of the planned outside grounds work was done due to the flooding of Wallace High School at the end of the summer term. FES had to use the time to repair the flood damage. The grounds work will start in the October holiday. ● PE Room has been converted into an Ochil House classroom. ● Nextbikes Hub: The bike rental scheme, Nextbikes, has installed a bike hub at the school and students can access free membership. The first hour is free and 50p thereafter. Pupils may cycle to Raploch campus or to other schools if they are attending classes at these sights. ● Refurbishments: FES (building facilities) has completed the following refurbishments: the library now has a mental health/wellbeing area, study booths and more soft seating; the atrium now has a feature wall, new furniture and some wall moss; the S6 common room now has new furniture, a pool table and table football; the staff bases are being regenerated. ● School results: S Pennock reported on exam result performance for last session and is very pleased overall by sustained improvements. A full summary of performance in the last session can be found in the Standards and Quality Report at: https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk/about-us/standards-quality-reports. 	Head Teacher	SP
<p>6. AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uniform Bank: We need donations of school blazers, trousers and girls cardigans. The uniform bank is held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2-3pm. 		
<p>7. AOB: New office bearers elected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chairperson: Emma Torrance; ● Secretary: Karen Dunn; ● Communications Coordinator: no volunteer so PTN will continue to advertise the post and Janice Morgan-Singh has kindly offered to carry out the role until a replacement is found. 	PTN	ALL
<p>8. 50/50 – September 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● £5 – Gabriella Farquhar ● £10 – Rachel Blackburn ● £15 – Lindsey Brooks 		
<p>Date of Next Meeting: 08/10/2019 7pm – 8.30pm at WHS in the Staff Room on the First Floor</p>		

