



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING

14th January 2020 at 7PM
Wallace High School, Stirling

Attendees:	
Emma Torrance	Alison Gow
Karen Morrison	Janet Lavery
Heather McIsaac-Hall	Rachel Blackburn
Eve Kidd	Tor McKay
Scott Pennock	Karen Dunn
Apologies:	
Senior Pupils and Mrs Bowie	Mrs Harris
Kate Buchanan	Sandra Sankey
Janice Morgan-Singh	Graham McIsaac-Hall
Jacke Gee-Faulkner	

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Chair opened the meeting at 7pm, thanks and introductions were made, known apologies given.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

- **50/50 Club:** is going well with a total of 90 members.
- **PTN Communications Officer:** Janice is happy to continue while we still try to find a replacement.
- **Ochil House Representative:** Sadly we are saying goodbye to Alison Gow who has done an amazing job at representing Ochil House for us on the PTN. We wish Alison all the best and say a huge thanks to her for all of her hard work and support.
- **Scratch Cards:** Ms Whillans will let us know how successful the cards have been as the deadline was the week before the Christmas holidays.
- **Breastfeeding Education:** It was suggested we contact Pam Steele to find out if there is anything in the Health and Well-being programme that links to breastfeeding education. It is probable that that if it does, the health advantages would be mentioned. It is part of biology courses as well. Mr Pennock can look into possible opportunities as the school nurses might have links to the topic.

- #### 3. PTN Posts Recruitment:
- Alison has a contact for a possible representative for Ochil House. Janice will advertise for a Communications Officer replacement. Mr Pennock will place information about the PTN 50/50 club on the school app. The PTN can set up a stall at the May parents evening to try to engage more parents with the PTN.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Overview of 2019 Accounts provided by Treasurer:

- Balance: **£1642.00** once cheques are cleared
- AC: Mr Pennock will meet with Emma and Eve to discuss funds as statement from last year has been signed off.
- AC: Eve is waiting for Mrs Harris's reply about various departments needing funds.
- AC: Eve will ask Kate about an extension of the uniform bank to get placement equipment.

5. Communications Coordinator Report: no news to report.

6. Ochil House Report: Mr Pennock thanked Alison for her time as Ochil House representative and wished her well. He then reported:

- The WHS Christmas Concert was held on 12.12.19 from 7-9pm. The children all worked hard rehearsing a new song and successfully took part in the evening. Everyone had a great time.
- A coffee morning was held on 05.12.19 with a visit from Linda MacLeod who ran a session on Makaton Christmas signing. The parents/carers had an opportunity to spend a short time with their child towards the end of the session.
- The Play Unified Christmas Party was held on 13.12.19 at school and once again everyone enjoyed themselves.
- The end of term Christmas Assembly was held on 19.12.19 in the main theatre at 1.45pm followed by refreshments in OH and parents/carers were able to join them.
- The second joint Christmas party with Castleview School at the Dunblane Hydro was a huge success with parents, carers and siblings attending. Everyone enjoyed games, activities and lots of dancing along with Christmas snacks, treats, tea, coffee and juice. Santa even managed a visit during his busy schedule to give out gifts. Thanks to Dunblane Hydro for kindly and generously offering to host this lovely afternoon party.

7. Fundraising Report:

- **Spring Concert/Creative Industries Final Showcase:** The concert and Creative Industries Final Showcase will be held on Wednesday, 1 April and we will need helpers for refreshments and tuck shop. Will organise at the next PTN meeting.
- **Fundraising Meeting** to be organised to discuss possible ideas such as a bake-off and a mini triathlon run. **AC:** Emma to ask for volunteers via Helping Hands Whatsapp group.

8. Headteacher's Report/Update:

Mr Pennock's updated the group on the following items:

- **Thanked** the PTN and Alison Gow for all of their help at the Christmas events.
- **Cycle Stands:** They are installed.
- **Finance Meeting:** Currently organising this meeting.
- **School App:** There are roughly 1,000 parents using the app and getting positive feedback from parents/carers.
- **Courses Choices and Next Year's Planning:** The S3 course choices are going well and parents/carers have given positive feedback via the school app. The course choices for the new S5/6s are taking place this month. The S2s are choosing new mini-courses for their S3 year such as Environmental Science, Drama, Gaming Development, Business and Marketing. Home Economics can be chosen by those pupils who will be taking it as a study option in S4 due to space limitations.
- **ICT Issues:** The high schools in Stirling are issuing Chromebooks to all S1s which puts more demands on the ICT infrastructure which supports all of the pupils accessing online services while at school. The Council is investing significantly in the infrastructure but it is not in place yet therefore there is disruption to online connections at school currently. The Council is aiming to

complete fibre installation by the end of February. Broad General Education pupil tracking and reflection is being developed as an online Google tracking system which will provide detailed information but it is currently delayed due to these technology limitations but the school hopes to develop parental access to this by the end of the session. Once the infrastructure is in place the pupils and staff will all have strong access to online services throughout the school day.

- **Thanked** parents/carers for supporting the pupils in wearing school uniforms and for their support throughout the festive period.

9. School Awards: Mrs Harris will attend the next PTN meeting in March to further discuss the awards programmes at school and look further at daily, weekly and monthly awards. The PTN agreed to give £80, £10 each for 8 awards to the school. The PTN expressed interest in supporting more awards.

10. Parking and Dog Fouling:

- Mr Pennock reported that the Community Warden will be visiting the school before Christmas and will continue to monitor the school grounds to stop people from letting their dogs foul on the school grounds. The group discussed writing an article about the dog fouling on the school grounds and the impact it is having on the pupils.
- The Council may paint yellow lines to encourage safe and legal parking in the school carpark.

11. AOB:

- **Recycling Bins:** Mr Pennock informed the group that new recycling bins would be placed at school and a contract with FES and the Council would need to be created to successfully manage the waste and increase recycling at school.
- **Canteen:** A few parents said that their children had suggested that there is a limited food choice and no snacks in the school canteen. Mr Pennock told the group that the Pupil Council were looking into the food choices and discussing it with the student body.

12. 50/50 – January 2020:

Number ?	£20
Number ?	£10
Number ?	£10
Number ?	£5

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26/03/2020
7pm – 8.30pm at WHS in the Staff Room on the first floor