



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL PTN MEETING

13th November 2019 at 7PM
Wallace High School, Stirling

Attendees:	
Emma Torrance	Alison Gow
Karen Morrison	Janet Laverty
Heather McIsaac-Hall	Graham McIsaac-Hall
Eve Kidd	Tor McKay
Donna Harris	Janice Morgan-Singh
Karen Dunn	
Apologies:	
Senior Pupils and Mrs Bowie	Scott Pennock
Jackie Gee-Faulkner	Kate B.
Sandra Sankey	Pauline Drummond

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Chair opened the meeting at 7pm, thanks and introductions were made, known apologies given. Emma offered apologies especially from Mrs Bowie and the Pupil Council. They will attend at a later date.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

- **50/50 Club:** Currently stands at 89 members and 100 members would make it more viable.
 - **AC: PTN will advertise through posters, forms, etc to see if we can get more members.**
- **Dance Showcase:** There are enough volunteers for the evening.
 - **AC: ET will buy milk.**
- **Scratch Cards:** Ms Whillans has sent out the scratch cards for the PE Department to raise funds as a PTN event.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Overview of 2018-19 Accounts provided by Treasurer:

- Balance: **£2262.00**

There is more money to bank but about £400 will be deducted as there are costs still to be taken out for 50/50 Club and donations list. Alison asked the PTN for funds for the Ochil House Christmas party at Dunblane Hydro to help with the cost of the food and transport. The Wallace Hub has a kitty so they currently do not need funds. They would happily receive donations of hygiene products and possible food items which we would need to confirm with Ms Christie.

- **AC: PTN to ask Ms Christie about food items for Hub donations.**

4. Communications Coordinator Report:

JMS will organise a description of the post and advertise it in the hope of recruiting someone to replace her.

- **AC: Generate Job Description for PTN role of Communications Coordinator.**

5. Ochil House Report:

- Play Unified hosted a Halloween party on their Friday, the 1st November session with many of the children who wanted to go, dressing up and having their usual fun and games. Many thanks go to the Play Unified Team!
- Seven pupils from Group 4 participated in a Boccia Festival at the Peak on Friday, 8th November. Everyone had fun and they all received a certificate.
- Upcoming Events:
 - On 13.11.19 pupils will begin a 6 week block of 1 hour sessions with Callum MacKinnon and his team at bOunceT from 9.30-10.10am. bOunceT is an occupational therapy service developing and delivering a new model of rebound therapy. It offers an inclusive sensory space and access to therapeutic play, activities and movement using a trampoline. Other groups will have the opportunity to access sessions in the new year.
 - Our next Coffee Morning will be held on 05.12.19 with a visit from Linda MacLeod who will run a session on Makaton Christmas signing. The parents/carers will have the opportunity to spend a short time with their child towards the end of the session.
 - The WHS Christmas Concert will be held on 12.12.19 from 7-9pm. The children are working hard rehearsing a new song. All OH pupils are welcome to participate in this concert. Our 'slot' is always early in the programme so pupils who have a distance to travel can leave after the OH Choir have performed. Christmas jumpers and tinsel are requested!
 - The Play Unified Christmas Party will be held on 13.12.19 at school.
 - The end of term Christmas Assembly will be held on 19.12.19 in the main theatre at 1.45pm followed by refreshments in OH. All parents/carers are invited with a letter nearer the time.
 - The last day of term is on 20.12.19 at 12.45pm. It will be a non-uniform day and/or Christmas jumpers can be worn with donations made if possible. These donations will be going to the charity which the school Charities Committee will confirm nearer the date.
- Final note.....I am in the early stages of planning our second joint Christmas party with Castleview Parent, Carol and Paul Richmond, and Castleview Headteacher, Elaine Murray. Dunblane Hydro have kindly and generously offered again to host this lovely afternoon party. We have pencilled in Monday, 16.12.19, 1-2.30pm and this will be confirmed as soon as possible. The children of Castleview and Ochil House will leave each school after lunch and all will return in time to school for transport home. We have found that this arrangement makes it easier, rather than disrupting individual transport arrangements. Parents, carers and siblings, where possible, will be welcome to attend. We will be organising some games, activities and lots of dancing! Christmas snacks, treats, tea, coffee and juice will be available. More details to follow as soon as I have them!
- If I can be of any help or answer any questions, please contact me via WHS PTN. Cheery, Alison Gow Ochil House PTN Rep

6. Fundraising Report/Christmas Concert:

- **Helpers:** Helpers are needed for teas/coffees/alcohol and non-alcoholic mulled wine stalls, home baking stall, guess the weight of the cake stall, bottle raffle stall(as we have bottles in the cupboard to use), kids' Christmas hamper/bags and 1 adult Christmas hamper stalls; if anyone is interested in selling small, crafty items then they should contact Mr Paul Ramsey at WHS.
 - **AC: ET to check about license for alcoholic mulled wine; ask for help on Helping Hands Whatsapp group; Hamper wrapping session on Friday, 6.12.19 at Alison's at 10am.**

7. Headteacher's Report/Update:

Mrs Harris offered Mr Pennock's apologies. She updated the group on the following items:

- **Carpark:** As some of the parents are concerned about problematic parking at school during busy periods, the school has: asked the school based police officer if they can offer any assistance; have asked FES, the management company, to look at painting lines on the ground; the minibus has been asked to park more carefully.
- **Cycle Stands:** Will be installed.
- **Staffing Update:** A replacement for Mrs Bell, language teacher, has been filled by Elanore Common, who has been teaching in Fife. She will start at the end of the term.
- **Wifi:** The school Wifi has not been coping with the demands placed on it with the pupils using their school issued Chromebooks. There will be an upgrade during the upcoming November staff development days. Once the wifi improves the S1 pupils will be issued with individual Chromebooks.
- **Dog Walkers:** The school have: approached FES about making signage to prohibit dog fouling; asked the PTN for help (PTN has suggested contacting local Community Council groups and the local newspaper); helped some of the students to send out a message via twitter about the dog fouling.
- **Pupil Council:** The 6th years will attend one of the PTN meetings to give them feedback and discuss how the two groups can support each other. The Pupil Council have asked if a PTN rep could attend a Pupil Council meeting. Zoe from the Catering staff will be attending the next meeting.
- **School Awards:** Mrs Harris explained to the group the variety of ways that the school celebrates the success and rewards the achievements of the pupils. The awards ceremonies were reviewed and updated recently and the following ceremonies take place: S6 Graduation in April; S3 Graduation in May; Junior Award Ceremony, S1 and S2, in May; Ochil House Assembly in June; Sports Awards, S1-S6, in June; May Programme S4 Graduation in June; Senior Award Ceremony, S4-S6, in September; Ochil House, S1-S6, Personalised Awards in December. For a detailed explanation of the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, Academic Excellence Award, Commitment to School Values Award and Colours Award please contact the school or the PTN and we can provide you with the handout. There are numerous ways in which the school celebrates individual, group and team achievements throughout the school year and these are as follows: school website; twitter; assemblies; praise postcards; faculty/subject reward systems; digital displays in school; Flourish (school magazine); rewards trips.

9. **AOB:** Janice asked the group if breastfeeding could be introduced to the students in some capacity.

10. 50/50 – November 2019:

Number 88	£20	Deborah Keir
Number 34	£10	Ruth Sterk
Number 76	£10	Alison Crawford Wells
Number 43	£5	Rachel Blackburn

50/50 – December 2019:

Number 74	£20	Emma Glencross
Number 27	£10	Lindsey Brooks
Number 65	£10	Cara Wood
Number 48	£5	Alison Gow

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14/01/2020

7pm – 8.30pm at WHS in the Staff Room on the first floor

