

## BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Notice of meeting to be held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room,  
Balfron High School

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AGM – 18 May 2010

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Minutes of Balfron High School Parent Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Balfron High School

### **Present**

John Paton (Chair); Julie McEachern (Vice-Chair); Geoff Forward (Treasurer); Susan Cadle; Christine Robinson; Di Blackmore; Fiona Longley; Sheila Watson; Dot Carswell; Moira Anderson; Val Corrie; Andy Faulds (Community Policeman); Maureen McNee

### **Apologies**

Pat Monaghan; Hiliary Peddie; Jo Skabara; Philippa Gray; Mary-Clare Brown; Charles Fox; Jane Hunter

#### **1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes having previously been circulated were duly signed by the Chairperson.

#### **2. Matters arising**

- **Bike shed** – still ongoing.
- **Roads issue** – John updated the meeting about the traffic calming. There were a lot of objections from the Community Council re the traffic calming around the village. The Council have still to make a decision.
- **Fintry buses** – John has contacted Colin O'Brien who has asked for more details and John will send him all the relevant information.

3. Andy informed the meeting that he gave a talk to S1 about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and concentrated on herbal cannabis, which is the drug that is available in this area. Also gave a talk about internet safety and set up a chat room in another area of the school with a colleague to let them see the dangers. Happy to be involved in a drug awareness evening and agrees that Philippa's presentation is powerful and does have an impact on the pupils. John to contact Philippa with the names of willing helpers. A date will be set for the evening.

### **AGENDA**

#### **4. Working Groups**

Website still ongoing. There is now a link from the school website to the Parent Council website. It really needs someone to maintain it and John agreed to ask Derek Townsend, who maintained the Primary School website to see if he would be interested taking on this task.

**Fund raising** – Jane contacted John saying she has not got the time to help with fund raising, but will pass on names of traders etc. It is worth having a social event at least once a year, and it was agreed that a craft fair could be held in September. Might be worth phoning a few traders to find out if September is a good month. An email could be sent to parents via the school asking for help to organise a social event.

### **AGENDA**

**Life skills** – Plan to hold a Careers Fair with S2 and S4 and hope that the Parent Council will help with speakers. John would get in touch with Dino, Charles and Pat to work with the school.

### **AGENDA**

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

£1300 in the bank.

6. **Rector's Report**

- **Trust Fund** – There has been donations and an account needs to be set up. Val to hold a meeting with the Trustees to appoint office bearers. Need to look at marketing and investment and get suggestions of how the money will be spent. Also parents need to be informed about the Trust.
- Val would like to thank Philippa Gray for her presentation to S3 which had a significant impact.
- Kevin Simpson (tennis player) who represented GB in Paralympics at Beijing gave a presentation to S1/2/3 at assemblies which was very good.
- **Art exhibition** – There is currently an art exhibition at Ealain gallery in Drymen of selected works from last year's Higher pupils until the end of the month.
- **Uniform** – Still an issue for a number of pupils wearing inappropriate clothes, with parents being informed. The Council felt it would be best if the pupils are involved through the Pupil Council as to what they want.
- All the Xmas dances were successful. Thanks to all staff who helped.
- Thanks to all parents who help out invigilating the examinations. Pupils find this of benefit as it gives them experience of sitting examinations.
- **Curriculum of Excellence** – Hold an informative evening before Easter with primary school parents (possibly P6 and P7).

7. **AOCB**

The Fair Trade Group are not allowed to sell Fair Trade chocolate, which is a Stirling Council ruling. Julie will write to Stirling Council with the backing of the Parent Council.

8. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Meetings Room, Balfron High School.