

## BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Balfron High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 1 September 2008 at Balfron High School

### Present

John Paton (Chair); Geoff Forward; Tom Lane; Pat Monaghan; Julie McEachern; Shona Everden; Inge Fik; Jo Skabara; Susan Cadle; Phillipa Gray; Alistair Gray; Di Blackmore; Karen Merrick; Dino Jaroszynski; Jane Hunter; Dianne Smith; Moira Anderson; Val Corry; Maureen McNee; Duncan Riley; David Brown

### Apologies

Paul Henke; John Keith; Peter Betts; Gill McBride

#### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and duly signed by the Chairperson.

#### 2. Matters arising

Ø John and Geoff attended the P7 Parents Night and did a talk about the Parent Council. Brochures were on display about the supply of labels, tags etc but there was little interest.

Ø Still would like to produce a questionnaire about pupil's activities in and out of school. Any member of the Parent Council who knows how to help with this to contact Val. To be discussed at the next meeting.

#### AGENDA

Ø Pupils would be asked through the Pupil Councils if there was a problem with regard to queues at lunchtime and food running out.

#### 3. Working groups update

**Fund Raising** – Jane apologised for not being fully committed last session but now has more time. The Race Night will be held next year. It was decided that the Craft Fayre will be held this year. Jo and Susan have agreed to join the sub-group and this group will meet as soon as possible as advertising for this event needs to be done soon. An auction will be held in May next year but again organisation for this event will need to be done quite soon. Jane will email details of the Alumni Programme outline to all Board members for information. The Fund Raising sub-group will report back at the next meeting.

**Trust Fund** – Had a meeting with the lawyers and they have agreed to cover the cost. The legal documents have been drawn up by the lawyers and Val, John and Karen to go through them. The Parent Council agreed the name would be Balfron High School Trust. There will be 8 Trustees (Val; 2 members of staff; 3 Parent Council members and 2 individuals from the local community). The Parent Council members will be Di Blackmore, Karen Merrick and Jo Skabara. Val will speak to Jim Bissett about joining the Trustees as a co-opted member and also to speak to John Diamond (Balfron) and David McPherson (Kippen).

**Communication** – Tom is working on the website and the communication group will look at that. The AGM will be held in April 2009. Five forms were returned from interested parents and the draw for the Marks and Spencer's voucher will be drawn at the November meeting.

**Life Skills/Career development** – Pat to liaise with Jackie Ebsworth about arranging a time for her friend from Oxford University, who has offered to come in and speak to pupils about a career in Medicine. Try and get a good mix of speakers to come and talk to pupils about careers etc. This sub-group will liaise with Jackie Ebsworth about this.

4. **Headteacher's Report**

- Ø Dr Lawrence is retiring and the post has been advertised. Julie and Paul are the two Parent Council members involved in the interview process.
- Ø Headlines newsletter going out within the next week. There is a mention about Parent Council members needed from Strathblane and Drymen areas.
- Ø Holding a special achievement evening for pupils who have represented Balfron High School on 16 September.
- Ø Had very good examination results this year with 28% achieving 5 highers which is due to the hard work from the staff. Pupils are encouraged to sit 5 highers.

5. **AOCB**

- Ø Inge reported that there has been a few incidents on the buses to and from Balloch. There is particular bus which is particularly riotous. Prefects do monitor on the buses and report back to Dr Lawrence. It was advised that Inge would contact Dr Lawrence re various incidents and also write to the bus company raising these concerns.
- Ø Dianne reported that there has nearly been a few bumps when cars are coming out from the car park area – Val would ask Jarvis if white lines could be painted on that part of the road.

6. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 November 2008 at 7.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Balfron High School