



Minutes of 42nd Stranraer Academy Parent Council Meeting Thursday 9th June 2011

PRESENT: -

Parent Members: John Crawford, James McQuistin, Christine Fowles and Emma Sutherland.

Co-opted Member: Robert Downie

Head Teacher: Norman Dawson

Clerk: Lorraine Heron

Council Member: Councillor I Dick

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
	James McQuistin welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the session and apologies were put forward on behalf of Jo Cochrane, Rod Baxter, Lesley McColm and Anne Boyd.
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
	The minutes of the May meeting were proposed as accurate by Robert Downie and seconded by John Crawford.
3	MATTERS ARISING
	<p>Exam Hall – Mr Dawson advised that tests had been carried out regarding the noise from the music department which had been heard in the hall during Exams. The results were that the Hall meets the requirements for noise disturbance. However, the Music Dept has agreed, as a precaution, to move loud instruments during Exams.</p> <p>Head Boy/Girl – Robert Downie and Christine Fowles had attended interviews for Head Boy and Girl and told the members that the standard of the applicants was very high.</p>
4	STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
	None
5	HEAD TEACHERS REPORT
	<p>Head Teacher Norman Dawson reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing: Interviews for Technical Teacher will take place on 15th June and for a Physics teacher on 20th June – both in Dumfries. James Henderson, Computing has handed in his notice as he has a new post in Glasgow. Our new PE teacher is Elen Austin from Castle Douglas and our new Geography trainee is Catherine Goulden from Northern Ireland. • Football: A big thank you to everyone who supported the Under 18's team on their visit to Hampden. Sadly they were beaten 2-0 by Larbert High School. However, it was a great experience for the team and the whole school. • Head Boy/Girl: The following appointments have been made: Head Girl, Aileen McIntosh, Head Boy, Liam Binnie, Depute Head Girl, Kelsey Johnson and Nicola Small and Depute Head Boy, Blair Campbell and Fergus McColm. • 'Dragons Den': The RSE are organising a Dragons Den type event in Stranraer Academy. It will take place from 15th-17th June and will involve S3-S6 pupils who are studying Business Management. Kerrie Biagioni is liaising with RSE over the event. • P7 Visits: Class lists have been created and will be shared with the Primary Schools early next week. Pupils will have 5 different classes – Registration/PSE, teaching set, practical set, English and Maths. The parent information evening will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29th June. Parent Council welcome to attend and to speak to parents if they wish. The disco is on 30th June. • Awards Ceremonies: A reminder of dates: S5/6 Tues 14th June, S3/4 Thurs 16th June, S1/2 Tues 5th July. • SQA Exams: Brian Rookley, Chief invigilator, commended pupils for their excellent behaviour during the exams.
6	TEACHERS REPORT
	None
7	TREASURERES REPORT
	Balances as follows: Treasurers Account £364.94 and Fundraising Account £1523.64
8	CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE
	At the last meeting some members who had attended the presentation by the SQA Liaison Manager felt that they needed more information regarding the Curriculum for excellence and specifically, advice on what parents can do to help. Mr Dawson advised that there have been 4 pages of information about the Curriculum For Excellence added to the new edition of the Parent Handbook. A small booklet containing this information was distributed to members.

9	CORRESPONDENCE
	<p>The end of year return had been received from Dumfries and had been passed on to the Treasurer for completion.</p> <p>The Insurance renewal had also been received and it too had been passed to the Treasurer.</p>
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	<p>Uniform: John Crawford advised that he had been unable to get senior uniform for his child as there is a shortage of the popular sizes. Mr Dawson said that an order had been placed and should be here shortly.</p> <p>Reach: A number of parents have been in contact with PC members regarding the Reach Project at Glasgow University as the date clashes with the Senior Awards ceremony. Mr Dawson advised that unfortunately the Awards Ceremony is arranged early in the year and as speakers etc need to be booked it is not possible to change the date once arrangements are in place. The Reach project is arranged by the University itself and the school has no control over when it takes places.</p> <p>MUGA: The decision as to the location of the new third generation (3G) sports pitch will be made at a meeting of D&G Policy and Resources Committee on the 21st of this month. The two options are Stranraer Academy and Annan. It was agreed that Lorraine would contact all 19 members of the Policy and Resources Committee and ask for their support in bringing it to Stranraer. Action: L Heron</p>
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	<p>The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 8th September at 7pm, followed by a short meeting of the newly elected Parent Council at 8pm.</p>