



# Minutes of 41st Stranraer Academy Parent Council Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**PRESENT: -**

**Parent Members:** Rod Baxter, John Crawford, Lesley McColm, Emma Sutherland, Jo Cochrane, Robert Downie, Lesley McSkimming, Neil Fyfe and James McQuisitin.

**Head Teacher:** Norman Dawson

**Teacher Rep:** HelenMarie Bradley

**Clerk:** Lorraine Heron

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
	Jo welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were given on behalf of Anne Boyd, Lynn Mawson, Christine Fowles and Roberta Tuckfield
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>
	The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Lesley McColm and seconded by Norman Dawson.
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
	None
<b>4</b>	<b>STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT</b>
	There was no representative from the Pupil Council available to come tonight, but Mr Dawson advised that they had nothing to report.
<b>5</b>	<b>HEAD TEACHERS REPORT</b>
	<p>Mr Dawson reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Staffing</b> –. The new PT Social Subjects/RME teacher starts on Monday and advertisements will appear in the Herald, Tess and myjobsscotland tomorrow (13<sup>th</sup>) for Technical and Physics.</li> <li>2. <b>Exclusions</b> –. Exclusion figures up to the end of April are 53 exclusions and 402 sessions lost (half days), compared to 63 and 477 in 2009/10, and 132 and 940 in 2008/9.</li> <li>3. <b>Under 13 Football</b> – The Under 13 team went through to the Final of the Scottish Cup. Sadly they were beaten 3-1 by Paisley Grammar on Tues at Queen of the South's ground in Dumfries. <i>The PC members commended the team for a great achievement reaching the finals.</i></li> <li>4. <b>Under 18 Football</b> – The Under 18 team are also through to the final of the Scottish Cup and they will play Larbert High school on 24<sup>th</sup> May at Hampden. Thanks to Amey for sponsorship of the teams – new kit bags, jacket, as well as helping towards transport costs in the quarter final. Thanks also to Craig, McIntyre and Peacock for a donation of £300 towards ties for the players in both teams.</li> <li>5. <b>Head Boy/Girl</b> – We have had 24 applicants for the positions on Head Boy/Girl. Interviews will be in early June. A representative of the PC would be welcome.</li> <li>6. <b>Dragon's Den</b> – The Royal Society of Edinburgh are organising a 'Dragons Den' type event in Stranraer Academy. It will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> June and will involve S3-S6 pupils who are studying Business Management. Kerrie Biagioni is liaising with the RSE over the event.</li> <li>7. <b>SQA Liaison Manager</b> – Donna Vivers, the SQA's Curriculum for Excellence Liaison manager for Dumfries and Galloway was in school today to speak to staff. Tonight, at 6pm, parents/carers of pupils currently in p7 and S1 also had an opportunity to hear about the SQA's new Curriculum for Excellence qualifications. <i>Some PC members who attended felt the information they received was not particularly aimed at parents and maybe a question and answer session would have been of benefit.</i></li> <li>8. <b>P7 Visits</b> – This week we have played host to P7 pupils from our feeder primaries. They have been in school with their class teacher but we have followed a programme of classes in our practical subjects. The main two day visits are on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.</li> <li>9. <b>S6 Leavers</b> - Tuesday was the last day in school for S6 pupils. This was marked by having a lunch in the conference room.</li> <li>10. <b>Awards Ceremonies:</b> Reminder of dates. S5/6, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June, S3/4 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June, S1/2 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>11. <b>Display Cabinet</b> – This has now been filled with trophies. Thanks to the Parent Council for purchasing the cabinet. It certainly looks impressive as you enter the school.</li> </ol>

<b>6</b>	<b>TEACHERS REPORT</b>
	Mrs Bradley advised the members that the Battlefields trip was leaving this weekend and the pupils were very much looking forward to it. Two wreaths have been purchased by the school to be laid by the pupils during their visit.
<b>7</b>	<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>
	Balances are as follows: Treasurer's account £364.94 and Fundraising Account: £1523.64
<b>8</b>	<b>FUNDRASING A/C SPENDING POLICY</b>
	<p>The fundraising committee have held a meeting and a policy of spending for the fundraising account has been agreed. The rules for applying for funding will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No money will be given to outside agencies – funding will only be available to pupils representing the school.</li> <li>• The amount given will be no greater than one third of the total amount required.</li> <li>• Applications must, in the first instance, be made in writing and may be invited to attend a meeting to make a presentation.</li> <li>• The PC may, if they wish ask for receipts/evidence of spending.</li> <li>• The PC will make information available to the pupils of other funding options and give them details of other agencies/committees that may also be able to offer assistance.</li> </ul> <p>It was also agreed by the members that these were guidelines and there would be an element of flexibility. It was suggested that Lorraine compile a form for the pupils to complete. <b>Action L Heron</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
	The only correspondence received was the SPTC newsletter which was available for members to read.
<b>10</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	<p><b>P7 Disco</b> – The P7 disco will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Emma has the preparations well under way. Lorraine to email the primaries with the details. Lesley McColm, Lesley McSkimming and Jo agreed to assist on the night.</p> <p><b>Awards Ceremony</b> – Lesley McColm will arrange a meal for the speaker, Elidh Wiseman, prior to the Senior Awards Ceremony.</p> <p><b>MUGA</b> – James advised the members that an email had been received from Steven Jack advising that Harry Hay will be in contact to advise of any update regarding the 3G pitch. There is no longer an issue getting the PPP contract changed as the MUGA has now been removed from the contract.</p> <p><b>Exam Hall</b> – There have been complaints regarding noise disturbance from the Music department during exams. Particularly drums and trumpet being audible. Mr Dawson will report this to Amey as the room is supposed to be soundproof. <b>Action N Dawson</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June.