



PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2016
AT 7 PM IN PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL

Present

Helen Armstrong (Parent)
Julie Begbie (Parent)
Amanda Crawshaw (Parent)
Liz Davidson (Parent, Treasurer)
Fiona Griffith (Parent)
Karen Haycock (Parent)
Jennifer Martin (Parent, Chair)
Donnie MacDonald (Acting Head Teacher)
Ray Mercer (Teacher)
Susan Mills (Parent)
Mr Murphy (Principal Teacher Music)
Gillian Shepherd (Parent, Vice Chair)
Jenny Sprott (Parent)
Lynsey Weir (Minute Clerk)
Jim Young (Business Link)

Apologies

Lana Easton (Parent)
Petya Furnadzhieva (Parent)
Alison McKenzie (Parent)

ACTION

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1) Welcome, Apologies

JM opened the meeting by welcoming all. Apologies noted as above.

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTE 060916

1) GS confirmed that a handover has taken place with AL about the 50/50 Club and that all outstanding draws have taken place.

3.0 BURNT OUT RECORDS

1) Mr Murphy, Principal Teacher of Music attended to give a brief overview of Burnt Out Records. This is a self sustaining, student run enterprise which has been very successful in holding music events and selling albums, attracting interest from far afield. Next year they will celebrate their 10th Anniversary. The Parents Association offered assistance

with advertising via the Facebook page and wished them continued success.

4.0 EMPOWERING TEACHERS/PARENTS/COMMUNITIES

- 1) Donnie MacDonald provided an overview on the recent survey which is to be completed for the Authority on areas such as empowering teachers and closing the attainment gap.

5.0 CURRICULUM REVIEW

- 1) Donnie MacDonald provided an overview of the Curriculum Review - The context of the School. The factors which have to be considered when developing or building the Curriculum include:
 - School Roll.
 - SIMD Breakdown.
 - Staying on rates into S6.
 - Literacy and Numeracy.
 - Attainment on leaving.
 - Does staying on make a difference?
 - Positive Destinations.
 - Positive Destinations - Breakdown (3yr).
 - Partnerships.
 - Interdisciplinary Learning Programme.
 - Wider Achievement Programmes and Courses in Penicuik HS Senior Phase.
- 2) A survey will be sent out to parents/carers seeking views on the effectiveness of the current curriculum and National Qualifications presentation arrangements.

6.0 TREASURERS REPORT

- 1) LD advised that the current balance is £2,164.82.
- 2) £23.80 was raised at the S5 Parents evening.

7.0 50/50 CLUB

- 1) GS confirmed that all 50/50 Club draws are up-to-date. Cheques are ready to be sent out and will go with an invitation to purchase another chance to win!
- 2) GS proposed changing the monetary values for the 3 prizes, to be more in line with a 50/50 draw.
- 3) GS passed round flyers for the 50/50 Club draw which will be distributed to try and drive more supporters.
- 4) GS showed design ideas for a banner to be used at school meetings and events which will promote the Parents Association and 50/50 Club. The cost of the banner will be around £25.

8.0 FUNDING REQUESTS

1) Ray Mercer, attended to give an update on the schools Duke of Edinburgh scheme and requested funding to purchase new tents for the Bronze level group to use in completing challenges. There is no shame to the current tents, they are very old and have been well used. After discussion the Parents Association agreed to fund £300 towards purchasing 2 tents but agreed not to provide funding for sweatshirts. JM to email Ray Mercer to confirm and LD to draft the cheque.

2) JM advised she has met with Mandy Mitchelmore to look at ideas for turning the quadrant garden area into an outside area for pupils to eat their lunch in. Amanda Crawshaw advised that the Prison Service can make 5 tables and benches for a cost of £675. JM advised that this will be discussed with the SMT and will be further discussed at a future Parents Association meeting.

JM / LD

9.0 HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

- 1) A school newsletter is due out this week.
- 2) S4 exams are underway.
- 3) S4 work experience next week.
- 4) Christmas activities start soon (see the December Newsletter for further details).

10.0

QUIZ NIGHT

- 1) JM advised that we are looking to organise a fundraiser and a quiz night has been suggested. JM to organise a separate meeting in the New Year to discuss further arrangements.

JM

11.0 AOB

- 1) Prior to the meeting some of the parents visited the school Nurture Room for a tour and talk about what the room offers pupils. The Parents Association was thanked for their funding and support.
- 2) It was agreed that in order to increase communication to a wider

audience, that the Parents Association would set up a Twitter account. Jenny Sprott agreed to set this up.

3) Julie Begbie updated on a Parent meeting that she attended with Lana Easton at PHS. It was a very positive meeting allowing parents to provide a fresh pair of eyes on any issues and informative about general school issues and useful information. Follow up meetings will take place and issues can be feedback to parents.

4) JM advised that we now have 288 followers on Facebook. Many thanks to Julie Begbie for her assistance in maintaining this.

5) Jim Young advised of an advertising opportunity via Crystal FM as a PHS pupil is currently being a DJ on a Wednesday evening and a Saturday. It was agreed this could be used to advertise future fundraisers or concerts.

JS

The date of our next meeting is the 31 January 2017.

Name of Chairperson: _____

Signature of Chairperson: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____