

**Selkirk High School Parent Council**  
**Year ended 30th April 2012**

	£
Bank and Cash at 30 April 2012	548.66
<b><u>INCOME (net of expenses)</u></b>	
Summer Show Teas & Ice creams	84.57
Easy Fundraising	60.65
Summer Raffle ( net of £100 prize)	465.00
Summer Quiz ( net of Prize)	<u>23.16</u>
	633.38
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	
Raffle Tickets	31.20
	<u>1,150.84</u>
Balance per Bank at 10th September 2012	1,129.49
Cash balance at 10th September 2012	21.35
	<u>1,150.84</u>
50-50 Account balance at 20th August 2012	<u>999.23</u>
Total Funds	<u>2150.07</u>

## **Selkirk High Parent Partnership Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

### **Rector's Report**

#### **SQA Results**

We are pleased with results which show strong performances by individual students and by subject. A closer analysis will be carried out later this month when more detailed statistics are available. A copy of the agenda used by Principal Teachers to review results is attached.

#### **Staffing**

- PT Sciences – Mrs Yvonne Dow was appointed to this post following interviews on the last day of term and first day of the holidays. Fortunately Mrs Dow was able to take up her position at the beginning of term and is settling well in the school and in the area.
- Mr Peter Lee who was appointed towards the end of term also took up his post as a Biology teacher in the Science department and like Mrs Dow is settling well.
- Since Mrs Dow's subject background is Biology, Ms Hamilton, the NQT who was to join the Science department to teach Biology, was no longer needed. Fortunately Kelso High School was in need of a Biology teacher and so Ms Hamilton will spend her NQT year there.
- Ms Fiona Dow, at the very end of term, was successful in securing a full time permanent post as a Maths teacher at Berwickshire High School. Ms Dow was covering Maths classes to enable Mr Cove to assume the temporary PT Pastoral post in Mrs Crooks' absence. Since we have been unable to find a replacement for Ms Pow, Mr Cove and SMT are covering the majority of Maths and Social Education classes and Mr McPherson is teaching Maths one day a week. While not ideal, this enables the majority of Maths classes to be taught by subject specialists.
- Mrs Carole Howden who had previously worked at Ettrick Primary school moved to Mrs Henry's position in the High School office as Mrs Henry's replacement. This arrangement is for a trial period that is to come to an end this week.
- Mr Samson returned to work after the summer holiday and is feeling and looking fitter
- Mrs Crooks continues to make a good recovery and following her final treatment this week will hopefully begin a phased return before Christmas
- Sadly, at the end of last week, Mrs McKeown was diagnosed with breast cancer. While best case scenario for Mrs McKeown would be less invasive surgery and treatment that would enable her to recover quickly and return to work after Christmas, we will have to wait until this is confirmed. We are in the process of finding an English teacher to cover Mrs McKeown's timetable. In the meantime Mr Forsyth is rearranging timetables to prioritise certificated classes.

### **Small works carried out during summer holiday -**

- The boys gym changing rooms have been completely refurbished
- The music block has been plastered and painted and looks refreshed
- Stair coverings have been made safe and where necessary floor tiles will soon be replaced
- Janitors worked hard cleaning and preparing flooring, furniture and fittings for the start of term

### **National Grid for Learning Refresh – update**

A small staff working group co-ordinated plans, and the ICT Team carried out the refresh during the holiday and into the first few weeks back. ICT provision across the school has increased but only as a consequence of the school's budget topping up the official NGfL funding allocation. Also, some hardware was refurbished rather than replaced. It should be noted that the Refresh Team have done a great job and continue to provide support so that teething problems are resolved as quickly as possible. Accepting that we are not yet fully familiar with new applications, so far feedback from staff has been positive. YouTube will be available to staff by October however Triple Wi Fi will take considerably longer.

### **2012/13 School Improvement Plan priorities – would appreciate opportunity to share and discuss details at a future meeting**

- Continue development of S3/4 courses - 2012/13 – 2013/14
- Development of S3 curricular structure - 2013/14
- Agree S4-6 curriculum plan to be introduced - 2014/15
- Participate in SBC Teaching and Learning initiative
- Continue to promote Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing across learning
- Continue to develop the school's monitoring, recording and reporting procedures including the creation of an S3 profile
- Develop the school's website to inform and help parents support learning

### **33 Period Week -**

Acknowledging the benefits, we continue to explore the possibility of introducing an asymmetric week but without radically changing finishing times. Following a meeting with a school transport representative, I would appreciate a meeting with SHSPP to discuss proposals.

**Additional Item** - Request for from 2 parent volunteers to help with an event to be held at The Haining.

**Wilma Burgon**

8/9/12