

Selkirk High School Partnership

MINUTES of Committee Meeting Monday 12th January 2015 at 7pm

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1	Present: , Wilma Burgon, Catriona Bird (Clerk), Jane MacDonell, Rachel Lockie Guest: Emma Fairley	
	Meeting chaired by: Catriona Bird Clerk: Catriona Bird	
	Apologies: Iain Burke(Chair), Sally Forster (Treasurer), Elaine Oliver, Ruth Scott, Margaret Sweetham, Hazel Fraser , Bruce Reed	
2	Welcome: Catriona Bird welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed since there were so few of Committee able to be present that the meeting would concentrate on the Career Workshop and the other items on the Agenda would be postponed to the next SHSP meeting.	
3	Approval of Minutes of 17th Nov Meeting & Matters Arising: Postponed until next meeting due to lack of number present.	
3)	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Career Workshop – CB Introduced Emma Fairley from SBC who informed us what other Career Information Days had been taking place and the format they had taken. SDS and SBC had originally been going to run a Local Authority area Workshop but it was decided that a more local workshop would be better therefore it has been up to the individual schools to proceed further if they wished and with support. So far Peebles High and Berwickshire High have held Career Evenings. This is in line with the Wood Commission on developing Scotland’s young workforce to include sponsorships and apprenticeships. This coincides with flexible learning choices for S4-6. With some the first year Apprenticeship can be while still at school.</p> <p>SHS will need to decide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which pupils are we aiming it for? • How to recruit employers locally to come and present – there has already been quite a bit of interest shown by businesses within Selkirk. • The format of the event eg could have hands on, could invite parents – part could be in classrooms with timed presentations and stands could be in hall • Time of day to hold the event – afternoon through to evening or repeat second session. • Feb is too ambitious would give more time to organise the event if held in March – school to set best date. • Form a working group to plan the format to include staff, parents and Emma Fairley. <p>The Scottish Gvt is offering incentives to businesses to offer Apprenticeships but not everyone is aware of them. SDS has been doing quite a bit to develop the understanding of the modern apprenticeship and Borders College is heavily involved. Employers are keen to be involved.</p> <p>Borders College offer apprenticeships/training/courses. HNC to HND students who have completed these courses can then sometimes go straight into 2nd or 3rd year of degree. BC have connections with Queen Margaret’s and Napier.</p> <p>SQA – could also be invited to input the new qualifications to employers. Pam Rouston from SDS “Our Skills Force” information to employers.</p> <p>Lessons learnt – agreed it would be a good idea to get feed back from schools who have already held a similar event as to what works and what to avoid. WB said she would speak to Donna at Peebles.</p> <p>Preparation is extremely important. Suggested to have briefing meeting with presenters just before start of event so that everyone knew what was happening.</p>	WB

	It was agreed the personal invitations to take part would be the most useful way forward and further discussion would take place with the Working Party. Suggested contacts: Lisa McIntyre (parent & lecturer at Heriot Watt Textiles), Inge Paneels Everyone present agreed next meeting would be on 22 January 2015 at 7pm. Emma has several contacts who she will pass on to WB.	JM RL
4	Treasurer's Report Next Meeting	SF
5	Fundraising report & 5050 Club Next Meeting	EO CB
6	Head Teacher's Report Next Meeting	WB
7	AOB	
8	Date of Next Meeting SHSP TBC Working Party 22 Jan 7pm	