

Selkirk High School Partnership

MINUTES of Committee Meeting Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7pm

1	<p>Present: Wilma Burgon, Iain Burke(Chair), Sally Forster (Treasurer), Catriona Bird (Clerk), Hazel Fraser, Neil & Kerry Gentleman, Fiona Dempster</p> <p>Meeting chaired by: Iain Burke Clerk: Catriona Bird</p> <p>Apologies: Elaine Oliver, Rachel Lockie, Ruth Scott, Margaret Sweetham</p>	Action
2	<p>Welcome: Iain Burke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of Minutes of 1st Apr Meeting & Matters Arising: The Minutes were approved.</p> <p>Proposed by Sally Forster Seconded by Hazel Fraser</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Choices S4 – 6 - IB gave feedback that generally other Heads are ok with the choice going to 6 subjects. People’s objections were fewer when they realised how much was involved doing 8 subjects. Overall the options work better. IB had contacted various people but there was little response and therefore it was agreed not to go ahead with any letter to SBC regarding the reduced choice of subjects.</p> <p>WB stated that staff feel a choice of 6 is more appropriate than 8.</p> <p>SQA Points - Some concern was raised about how this would affect points awarded with fewer subjects but some awards are also eligible for SQA points. This is being looked into further with a possibility that awards like the Duke of Edinburgh may become eligible but this has not yet been agreed.</p> <p>Also discussed the possibility of Parent Workshops to show new parents what is happening in the new curriculum as the ones held last session were very well supported. An example of the flexibility presented within Senior Phase is reflected in an S4 group where students are progressing from National 3 Maths to a National 4 Numeracy Unit award as well as undertaking the John Muir Conservation Award opportunity and a National 4 Employability unit.</p> <p>ii) Career Workshop – the next step is to set a date. IB recapped on the plans for new members with employers coming into the school and sharing in different ways how they reached their present career eg short presentation followed by smaller groups/stands. IB has spoken to some companies already who are keen to take part. Bowhill Estate Manager has shown interest in taking part. All agreed this should be aimed at S3/4 but that other senior years could take part if appropriate. WB to meet with Pastoral to check date – possibly Feb or beginning of March.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>WB</p> <p>WB</p> <p>IB/WB</p>
4	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Balance at 6th Oct: £1,210.81 Cash at 3rd June: £21.35</p> <p>Plus 50:50 account</p> <p>The homework diaries have been paid for by SHSP – not all parents are aware of this. (£630.20). We should try to plug Easyfundraiser more especially with online Christmas shopping coming up. CB to get flyer organised. Clothes bank is continuing to do well – make new parents aware of this.</p> <p>There may be expenses for the Career Workshop so may need to use some funds for that. WB intimated there may be other funding available for Career Workshop.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>CB</p> <p>WB</p>
5	<p>Fundraising report & 5050 Club</p> <p>5050 Club has 59 members – a bit down on last year. Comment noted that if requests for money all come at the same time there is less likely to be interest in 5050 club.</p> <p>Raffle – some discussion on whether to change time of year that we hold raffle. Eg Spring term instead of Summer so we don’t lose out on study leave. To be discussed at Fundraising group meeting (Date to be confirmed).</p> <p>Also discussed general communication with parents whether we should be looking at Facebook page (through SBC for extra protection) – IB to check with Lisa Anderson at</p>	<p>EO</p> <p>CB</p>

	SBC. General feeling that email gets the fastest response. It was suggested that a sub-committee group could look at communication to get more parents involved.	
6	<p>Head Teacher's Report</p> <p>Staffing – Social Subjects - Ms Swan has taken up her position as teacher of Modern Studies and Mrs Dodds as teacher of Geography replacing Mr Sutherland. Technology – Mrs Orr has been appointed as Mr Black's appointment and should take up her post after the October break. Maths – Mr White left us last week to take up his promoted position as Principal Teacher of Mathematics at Dunbar Grammar. Mr White's position in SHS will not be filled and classes have been reorganised accordingly. Duke of Edinburgh - We are grateful that, following Mr White's departure, Mr Lee has agreed to take over Duke of Edinburgh with colleagues and volunteers continuing to support the programme.</p> <p>SQA results analysis Whole School and Subject analysis of results continues, identifying what went well and action points. More information to be shared at next meeting.</p> <p>Developing and delivering the new Higher Development of Senior Phase courses continues to be a main priorities and the forthcoming in-service day is to be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Building and facilities - Continuation of window replacements - windows are currently being replaced in Rooms 1, 2 & 3. Progress with 2G Pitch – several meetings have taken place recently in anticipation of work beginning in April</p> <p>Business Partners Meeting with Andrew Brough – Estate Manager, Bowhill – Mr Brough is keen to forge links with the school and is interested in being involved in the SHPP Careers Event</p> <p>Parent Pay Pilot Parent Pay – this scheme enables parents to pay on-line and is being piloted by SHS, Philiphaugh and Knowepark. Information will be shared with parents at the end of the week with the system going live the week after the October break.</p>	WB
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How can you help” forms – it was mentioned at the AGM that we should update information we have on how parents can help SHSP & the school. CB to put this together ASAP, check what we have on file as Felicity Burrows had organised the form last time – agreed it doesn't have to wait until the next meeting. • School uniform – concern was raised at leggings appearing again without skirts or instead of trousers. There is a suggestion that all pupils should wear white shirt & tie and that polo shirts would be discontinued – this is being discussed by Student councils. 	IB/WB
8	Date of next meeting – 17th November 2014 at 7pm in the Board Room	IB/WB