

Selkirk High School Parent Partnership

MINUTES of AGM Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7pm

1	<p>Present: Iain Burke (Chair), Catriona Bird (Secretary), Sally Forster (Treasurer), Hazel Fraser, Ruth Scott, Rachel Lockie, Diane Martin, Jane Macdonell, Kirsty Armstrong, Wilma Burgon, Brian Clark, Maddy Robinson</p>	Action
	<p>Meeting chaired by: Iain Burke</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Eileen & James Handyside, Pip Tabor, Joyce Wright, Anke Sieker, Jackie Stephen, Lorraine Bowdery, Bill & Lesley Knight, Debbie Wheelans, Annie Dickson, Mr & Mrs Cockburn, Elaine Oliver</p>	
2	<p>Welcome: Iain Burke & everyone introduced themselves. It was agreed to re-arrange items on agenda to enable BC & MR to leave early if they so wished. IB warmly welcomed Brian Clark to SHSPP.</p>	
9	<p>IT Presentation by Brian Clark (new Deputy Head) BC gave an excellent IT presentation showing how Technology can be used to enhance education and how pupils can benefit using Technology as a learning tool. A very brief summary is that Education Scotland has produced a document entitled: "<i>Building Society: young people's experiences and outcomes in the technologies</i>". It is written about the technologies as a curricular area, but its findings and aspirations are much wider. The three core themes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technologies need to promote creativity and problem-solving, real-world, real-time 2. The technologies need to build a clearer identity 3. Our children and young people require that centres and schools place digital technologies at the heart of learning <p>Here are a few notable quotes from the document: "The technologies form the heart of the curriculum for young people in the school" "A world-class performance in the technologies is essential to Scotland's future and the prosperity, health and wellbeing of its young people" "for too many young people, experiences in the technologies not always strong enough" "Although specific to Technologies, clear links to STEM/DYW" If you are interested in further information on this topic the link is: http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/TechnologiesImpactReport_tcm4-850866.pdf IB thanked BC for his presentation.</p>	
10	<p>Community Garden Project – Maddy Robinson MR updated everyone on the Horticultural Dept at SHS. There are veg plots, a greenhouse, hot house, raised beds, fruit trees etc. The plan has been to grow food for Home Ec and to encourage pupils to learn where the veg come from. Staff have bought tatties & onions. There are newly planted pear & apple trees in the fruit orchard. MR has been successful in obtaining various grants to help fund the raised beds etc. MR is looking for volunteers to help run & maintain these areas and would like to know if there are any parents/grandparents/carers who might be interested in offering their help. RL suggested contacting GPs who may have a list of recently retired people who may be interested in gardening. It was agreed MR would put a notice together and SHSPP would circulate it to parents to see what interest there was. IB thanked MR for the information.</p>	MR/CB
3	<p>Approval of Minutes of 9 September 2014 Meeting & Matters Arising: Proposed by Rachel Lockie Seconded by Hazel Fraser</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising: None</p>	

4	<p>Chair Report –IB</p> <p>IB stated that once again SHSPP have funded the Homework Diaries. During last session £1000 was given for bids from the different faculties which were very successful and staff were extremely grateful for this funding. This is being repeated and the staff are in the process of submitting their bids which will be presented by WB at the next meeting. The Clothes bank has raised a steady amount during the session; our thanks go to HF for running this. The 5050 Club has also raised funds – thanks to CB for organising this.</p> <p>The biggest event for us this year was the Careers Event which was a huge success – it was very well attended, the atmosphere was fantastic and there was a lot of involvement from parents and the community. A very big thank you to Susan Crooks for her co-ordinating everything. It was agreed at an earlier SHSPP meeting that we’d try to run another similar event in 2 or 3 years time. IB also informed the meeting that he regularly attends the Chair Meeting at SBC headquarters and a lot of interest was shown in our Career Event there as some other schools had tried unsuccessfully to run a similar event.</p> <p>Looking ahead to this session the aim is to try to get more parental involvement and keep working to liaise between the school and parental body.</p>	IB
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report - SF</p> <p>Balance £1,778.16</p> <p>SF went through the accounts (see attached) and there has been a steady income from easyfundraising, although it was felt that we could try to plug this more; the summer raffle & career’s night raffle were reasonably successful and the clothes bank has brought in £258.80. The expenditure this past session has not been too high, the largest item being the Student Planners. SF stated it would be good to try different types of fundraising.</p> <p>5050 Club – CB</p> <p>Balance £486.47</p> <p>CB reported that there were 56 members last session which raised £349 for the school, plus prizes generously donated by winners, bringing the total to £422.45. A cheque has been given to the school.</p> <p>This session there are 66 members and it’s still not too late to join – forms are available for Sept to May costing £9. Please see CB for further information.</p>	SF CB
6	<p>Election of Committee Members</p> <p>Chair IB agreed to stay on</p> <p>Vice Chair Jane M agreed to take on this role (Bruce Reed already left)</p> <p>Secretary CB agreed to stay on</p> <p>Treasurer DM agreed to take on this role (SF standing down)</p> <p>Fundraising Organiser HF agreed to take on this role with helpers. (EO standing down)</p> <p>IB thanked SF for her role as Treasurer for the last few years and flowers were presented to her. Although EO was absent IB also thanked her for her role as Fundraising Organiser for the last few years and flowers were taken to her.</p>	IB/CB
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting: 5 October at 7pm in the Board Room.</p>	IB/WB/CB
9	<p>Date of next AGM – September 2016 at 7pm</p>	