

NOTE OF MEETING

MEETING OF: Portobello High School Parent Council

HELD AT: Portobello High School – Library

DATE: 14 November 2011

TIME: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Paul Smart (Chair), Peigi Macarthur (HT), Tom Ballantine, Sue Davidson, Carole Tracey, Heather Morrison, Michael Bracewell, Ann O'Hagan, Verity Brooks, Sheila Elliot, David Seaton, Chris Cooney, Christine Rogers, Hazel Nicolson, Sarah Jamieson, Jennifer Denham, Linsey Denham, Liz Meikle, Maureen Child

ACTION

- 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies**
PS welcomed those present. Apologies from Kenny MacAskill, Ewan Aitken, Stefan Tymkewycz, Mike Bridgman, Stephen Hawkins, Gary Peacock, Fiona McArthur, Fiona Finlayson, Emma Wood
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**
The minutes of meeting held on 3 October 2011 were approved as correct.

Matters arising from Item 2 (Potential 1:1 computer project)
As yet there is no decision on whether the school are to pilot the 1:1 computer project. However, a refresh of the school's computing facilities is to go ahead in 2012. This will include the replacement of some equipment and the creation of a wireless system. 30 iPads have been purchased and distributed between departments for staff to trial.
- 3. Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence**
PM updated the meeting on the principles of the senior phase of the Curriculum for Excellence which had also been presented to parents of S1 and S2 pupils at the start of term. This presentation and feedback can be accessed on the school website:
portobellohighschool.org.uk/school-info/curriculum/cfe-overview
- 4. Update on Senior Management Re-organisation**
PMac reported there had been a delay in the issue of the management reorganisation protocol. It is hoped that this will be received before December and appointments made by Christmas. CEC have lifted their embargo on recruiting for permanent positions.
- 5. Industrial Action**

It is looking likely that the teachers and support workers will vote to strike on 30 November. The school will notify parents as soon as they receive confirmation. Prelim exams timetabled for that day will be added to the end of the exam timetable on Thurs 8 December.

6. Parent Council Finances

Opening balance £3665.17, fees and insurance paid £144, closing balance £3521.17.

7. Fundraising Initiatives

- 25th November 'Swishing' event
- Christmas raffle to be drawn at Christmas music concert
- 1st March Fashion Show
- 3rd March Cabaret

8. Items for Future Meetings

Learning & Teaching Committee to feedback on homework.

9. AOB

- TB proposed and all agreed that the PC should transfer £2,000 to school funds to purchase items on the departmental wishlist. A list of those items purchased should be posted on the school website.
- Accounts and minutes to be displayed on website.

10. Date of Next Meeting

16 January 2012 at 7pm.

**L&T
Committee**

PM

CS, SD