

## **Meeting of Bellshill Academy Parent Council held on Monday, 4 November 2013**

**Present:** Mrs A Munro (Head Teacher), Mr D. Jamieson (Chairperson), Mrs C Hendry (Parent Member), Mrs E Gowrie (Parent Member), Mrs C Gowrie (Parent Member), Mrs J Goddard (Parent Member), Mr D Forwell (Parent Member), Mrs I Morton (Parent Member), Mr S Foye (Parent Member), Mrs J Ford (Co-opted Member), Mrs A Boslem, Mrs L Lennox, Mr G Webb and Mr A Moore (Teacher Representatives), Mrs J. Ward (Clerk to the Council).

**Apologies:** Mrs Shilliday, Ms Gillen

Mr Jamieson welcomed the new teacher members to their first meeting.

### **Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes circulated and approved.

### **Finance**

Mrs Morton stated that there had been no change in the finances since the last meeting.

### **Trust Update**

Mrs Munro stated that the accounts were at present being audited. A meeting of the Trust was due to take place shortly. The Trust had agreed to support the Higher Residential weekend with pupils paying £50 each towards the cost. It was hoped to establish a multi gym in the school with a grant from Sport Scotland and some Trust funding. The Trust was also hoping to help with some of the funding towards the Malawi trip next year.

### **Head Teacher Update**

Money from the savings made in school budget had been used to help fund new text books and equipment to help with implementation of the new National Qualifications. New monitors had also been purchased and given to departments after the computer 'Refresh' had taken place.

The Support for Learning and Support for Behaviour Bases had now been joined. Work had been completed during the October break.

June Ford, Partnership Officer, is now an Associate Assessor for CLD. Congratulations were passed to June from the Parent Council.

Mrs Munro advised the Parent Council that the school had been chosen along with 6 others in Scotland to take part in a new project led by the Scottish Government for achieving schools. This project called 'Pathfinder' will look at what the school already has in place to help pupils attain. More information will be issued at the next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

The Parent Council Insurance has once again been paid by NLC for another year.

### **AOCB**

June Ford stated that after the meeting regarding Internet Safety the feedback had been useful and she was at present working with senior pupils on ways to inform other pupils on how to stay safe online.

### **National 4 & 5**

Parents expressed a desire for further information regarding the new qualifications and Mrs Munro agreed to host a meeting for S4 parents as soon as possible with a further meeting for National 5 students possibly early next year.

### **Refurbishment of Sports ground**

Mr Jamieson reported on a series of meetings he had attended regarding the rugby pitches and blaze pitch. Along with members of local businesses and Bellshill Athletic discussions with NLC had been ongoing to redevelop the site into a state of the art sports facility for use by the community and the school.

It was agreed to invite someone from the local businesses involved to an extra meeting of the Parent Council as soon as possible in order that members could be made fully aware of what was planned for the school grounds.

### **Bag Pack**

Arrangements for the bag pack at Tesco on 16 November were well under way. Rotas have been arranged and pupils will be asked for volunteers on the day.