

Community Partnership Meeting Minutes

Monday 22 Nov 7pm Online Google Meeting

Attendees' Kerry Mclean, Caroline Patterson, Rachel Norman, Paul Cassidy, Kevin McAdam. Lorraine chambers

Apologies: Sally Park, Susan Mackay, Elaine Paterson, Lorna Parry, Julie Lawrence, Dawn Marie Todd, Amanda Harrison,

1. Previous Minutes- amended slightly – need to find someone to do minutes
2. 'Ask the Depute' with Mr McAdam: Mr McAdam's remit includes Head of Randolph House and the following:
 - Head of Randolph house with Douglas Downey- S1-S6- pastoral care- house identity is on the up.
 - Year Groups S1 and S2- doing assemblies- year group specific concerns- online assemblies this year- eg assembly on anti-bullying
 - SQA Coordinator- liaison between school and SQA alongside coordinators at other school and they have monthly meetings to make sure there is a consistent approach. Look at presentation levels to make sure is correct and passed to SQA. Verification and how to introduce new courses.
 - Prelims/Exams- first time this year, starts on 6th January. Had to be adaptive last year and having planned prelims but had to cancel them. Timetable next week
 - Continuing Professional Learning – staff opportunities- any courses or staff leading on things they are expert in. Professional development review happens for staff each year and that feeds into departmental plans.
 - Probationers/Student Teachers- 3 probationers this year and 5 student teachers- look at learning needs mostly provided by authority but he does internal support. Probationers have mentors.
 - Excursions- again covid limited
 - Health and Safety- covid reporting LFTs, risk assessments etc and other things like fire evacuation, and protocols and processes for individual departments eg swimming pool, science chemicals etc
 - Learning for Sustainability- COP26 newsletter- education Scotland award for Mrs Togneri
 - And teaches French

Questions:

Prelims- do the students have study leave this year? - they are planning for study leave for S4,5 and 6. Pupils to be back for one day and then formal assessment diet after Christmas. Timetables before then so they know when to be in and what papers they have and when. Will talk with them about how best to prepare and how to work with timetable.
<https://studyskills.stirlinghigh.co.uk/> is very useful

Any idea when F2F assemblies and excursions may start? Nothing changing at the moment and taking a step at a time. Planning prelims at the moment with fewer people in each room but have to be adaptable.

Are S2s having more assessments than usual to help teachers gauge progress? - they are experiencing the usual curriculum at the moment

When do S2 make final choices re subjects for S3? into the new year- there will be a report and a course choice evening etc All S2 pupils have an interview with their pupil support teacher

Is there support available from teachers during study leave time? Opportunity to come in into school to study and speak to teachers beforehand, during and after assessments and could use google classrooms to communicate. Not normal class times but they can arrange times to see. If they cannot study at home, they can use the library to study.

Is there a central place to go to find out about university open days? Is it just on individual websites? Pupil support would be able to help with that. Most are having virtual open days <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days>

Any career events for S3 in the planning as other schools in Clacks seem to be doing a few face to face. Will pass on to Mr Hamilton. Offer of help from parent.

3. Head Teacher's Report

Covid

We continue to follow the government guidelines. There has been no change to the current restrictions and protocols. Our young people and staff continue to be fantastic in how they are coping but we all realise that things are at times hampered by the restrictions.

It is great to see so many clubs and activities running but we are unable to have any assemblies or large group gatherings. I am sad to say we cannot have any Christmas dances or our Christmas concert. We are organising an online Christmas Concert similar to last year.

We have continued to experience staffing issues with staff having to wait for the results of Covid tests. This has led to more than usual covering of classes by other teachers.

At this point in time there seems to be no news of any change to the current Covid arrangements. I continue to meet regularly with the other HTs of secondary and with our education officer colleagues to share our approach and strategies.

We are meeting with our pupil focus groups in the next fortnight to hear their views on teaching and learning, supporting their well-being and our Covid protocols.

Online Support

We have created online information with videos for our S1 parents and carers and new materials for P7 parents and carers. Our Study Support timetable and Study Skills website

full of helpful links and videos is up and running and will be a good help to parents and carers wanting to support their children at any stage and of course particularly those with prelims coming up.

Charities

Children in Need; we continue to support the charity each year and on Friday we raised the grand total of: £1034.37

Start Up Stirling; we recently have been encouraging young people to bring in tinned food and other provisions for the local charity Start Up Stirling. Our local food bank charity put out a plea for Autumn stating they were running low. We also plan to take part in their reverse Advent Calendar.

We have recently surveyed our young people and staff about focussing our additional charity work to an organisation for 3 years. Our Charity Committee researched 5 local charities or ones that would have a local impact; SAMH, Strathcarron, Children First, Howe Start Stirling and PLUS (volunteering for young people with disabilities). This will be decided this week

Remembrance

Our online remembrance service was a truly fitting tribute filmed and edited by our fantastic S6 media team working with Mr Hamilton and Mrs Ballantyne. We received many positive comments including the Stirling Branch of Royal British Legion.

Community Café

Angus Henderson S6 and his team of S3 App developers have created an App for staff to order and collect their coffees. We will trial this and then open up to S6 pupils.

Columba 1400

Our team of 12 S2 young people took part in the leadership academy in Skye. They focussed on values based leadership and have pledged to work together on a project to improve our school. This is part of our wider promotion of leadership opportunities across the school.

Sustainability

We continue to develop how we ensure Sustainability is addressed in the school both in the curriculum and by our actions. Our Climate ambassadors recently created our first newsletter to update parents and carers of all the work that is going on.

We were all so proud that Trudi Togneri was a national winner in the recent Education Scotland Sustainability Awards for all her outstanding work over 17 years of Eco Group and

positive Actions. Trudi has a request of the Community Partnership that we will discuss later this evening.

Building Improvements

We are finalising the installation of our new Honours Board of Dux and School Captains in the foyer. It replicates the format of the previous one which is still in situ and we hope it will last as long (which was 70 years!).

We have installed our new House banners and all 5 look resplendent in the main hub. They were designed by former pupil Rhys McKenna, now an international sportswear designer, who designed the original 3 when in S6. The team of amazing seamstresses of Torbrex completed the work over the summer.

Planting for Sustainability Project- volunteers to come and help plant trees
Agree £200 for trees, perhaps we could put a plaque up- Mr Cassidy will talk to Trudy and then arrange a Saturday.

AOCB- changes to placing requests consultation

Proposed Amendments to the Placing Request Policy

We are currently consulting on proposed amendments to our Placing Request Policy.

The consultation period will run from 18th October – 22nd December 2021.

This consultation will take place through [Engage Stirling](#). [Engage Stirling](#) is the council's consultation and engagement platform. We now host all of our consultations and engagement projects in one place to make it easy for everyone to access all of our live projects and e-petitions. This also ensures that we can provide easy to access updates so everyone can see how their views influence policy and practice within the council. [Engage Stirling](#) is open to everyone over the age of thirteen and can be accessed from any device by creating an account by following the on screen prompts. Users are only asked to sign up once and when this is done users can access all of the live projects and e-petitions hosted on the site. To submit a response using an alternative method please contact educationenquiries@stirling.gov.uk or call 01786 233185.

4. Inclusive practice meeting 1st December

5. Email list- rolling?

6. Parent asking about whole school SQA results- whole school performance: usually available in the standards and quality report on the website which compares us to our virtual comparators. Difficult to compare between years because the assessment models have been different but we are performing well at the moment. Top 20% of our young people perform as well as the top 20% of other Stirling schools.
7. Can I ask about Covid notifications, -are we being advised of all cases in year group? Last week my sons said they were aware of a few cases but we hadn't received a low risk contact notification email during the week? - this is run by the health board, not getting a letter per case.

Date of next meeting

31st January- Mr Downie timetable, curriculum, reporting to parents, raising attainment and all data about attainment and closing poverty related attainment gap. Ms Allen- pupil support, child protection, equality and inclusion, anti-bullying and transitions, Mr Hamilton- learning and teaching, partnerships with colleges and careers, digital innovation and young people's voice. Ask Ms Allen to the next one.

7th March

25th April

30th May