



Winchburgh Academy Parent Carer Partnership

Chairperson Report Academic Year 2023/2024

Introduction

In the second year of the Winchburgh PCP we have been building on successes of our first year and trying to identify ways we can represent the wider parent forum better. We also wanted to understand what the school needs from the PCP to support them in delivering for all the children in the school.

We welcomed 3 new members to the group giving representation for the S1's intake and appointed joint Treasurers Jennifer Baker and Barbara Stavert. This completed the office bearing roles.

We have held 4 meetings in person and attendance has been wholly committee members, although any parents are welcome to join these meetings which are advertised via email to the parent forum. Meeting minutes are available on the school website to all parents/carers and other interested parties.

Parents can also contact us direct on our facebook page and via email at winchburghacademypcp@gmail.com

Review of the year

Following appointment of Co-Treasurers a bank account was set up so we can start building our PCP funds, and the focus this year has mainly been on fundraising.

A lottery license was secured early in the year allowing us to run raffles and tombola. We have also been trialling other ways of fundraising and PCP members have sold a number of football cards. (See Treasurers report for the funds raised). We have discussed other ideas including running a bonus ball draw and a sponsored 5-a-side.

PCP members supported the school's first Christmas Fayre on 20 Nov 2023 which was a huge success and planning is underway for the PCP to run a similar event on 15th November this year, in collaboration with the school.

An Xmas Hamper raffle at the Christmas concert generated £156 with generous donations from local businesses enabling this. End of year values assembly raffle generated another £131. We are already collecting prizes for this year. Future raffles could benefit from more advance ticket sales and payment by card. This would also allow those not attending on the day to participate, which means we should be able to increase the funds these can bring in.

In May we were joined by Laura Johnston, Pupil Support Worker, who gave a summary of initiatives happening in school to reduce the cost of the school day, a key focus within the school. 2 pupil representatives also attended to give their perspective. PCP members were keen to see how we can support these either by fundraising or providing our support to keep these going. The initiative we could support include Stationary; take what you need trolley; free breakfast club; free/subsidised



school trips; free afterschool & lunch clubs and low cost/no cost events for pupils. We will look to provide support in at least one of these areas in the new academic year.

The PCP have contributed opinion on matters such as cost of school trips, bullying policies and the quality/cost of school uniforms which had been raised by a number of parents.

We discussed the issue of road safety outside the school and the need for more signage and possibly “flashing” school lights. This needs to be moved forward with the local council for the safety of pupils.

Joint decision was taken with the Headteacher to add one extra PCP meeting to the annual calendar in March, as it was felt there was too long a gap between Jan & May.

Looking ahead

We are still a relatively small group and still trying to make a mark within the growing parent/carer community every year. Things I’d like to see the PCP include in our third year:

- Targeted activities to raise funds to support reducing cost of school day

- Adding 2 new members to represent the new S1 intake

- Pupil representation at at least one meeting per year

- Widening communication channels with parent forum

I would like to thank all the PCP members for their time attending meetings and supporting activities this year. I know it is sometimes difficult to find time to commit and appreciate the contribution everyone has made. I’d also like to thank Mr Mitchell and Mr Kerr for their time and openness about the issues and ambitions for the school.

Laura-Jane Ross

Chair

22 September 2024