

## STONEYHILL SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

This report covers the above period and aims to present to the Parent Forum and other interested parties, a brief overview of the activities of the SC ( school council)

By way of some background, the SC is made up of parents/carers of children attending the school as well as standing invitations to the Head Teacher and usually another teacher representative. We also have in attendance, local Councillors and MSP when available.

The SC have met at least once per term. Meetings have taken place on Wednesday evenings in the school and no meeting has lasted more than 2 hours. If required or requested, meetings can take place at more regular intervals.

The aim of the SC has always been to have two representatives from each class group . This is a target we continue to reach for and would welcome any parents or carers who may wish to become part of the SC.

We continue to be very fortunate in having a permanent sub group of the SC, The Parent and Friends Group ( PFG) who take on the role of fundraising and organising social events, both for the children and adults. Members of the PFG sit on the SC meetings and have proved to be an important communication bridge between the SC and the wider school community . The PFG have met on average around once per month on school premises.

Highlights of the past academic year have included:

### **Fundraising Events**

Handmade Christmas Cards designed by children and sold to parents (2012)

2013 calendar sold to parents

School Fayre - 1 June 2013

Cheese & Wine Event – 5 December 2013

### **Areas funds have been spent on**

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- Purchased 6 picnic tables for pupils to use during breaks
- Purchased new football strips and cross-country t-shirts
- Subsidise school trips
- Gifted P7 leavers year books and subsidise bowling trip
- Sports Day refreshments
- Snacks for School discos for upper and lower school & payment of disco
- Goal posts for the park
- Christmas Panto of Dick Whittingham
- Christmas party food
- Gifted chocolate coins for every child
- Children's Christmas hamper
- Christmas hampers wrapping & raffle tickets
- Arts & Crafts supplies for children to make Christmas cards and calendars and sold at Children's Christmas Fayre
- Donation towards wet weather kits for each class for indoor play and outdoor play equipment

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We are in the process of purchasing a cooker and an urn for the school.

The SC has an important part to play in the school/community partnership and has a remit to support and advise the school senior management. This academic year has required a more than typical involvement of the SC, in particular respect of the ongoing search for a permanent replacement Head Teacher. Members of the SC have been involved in the interview and selection process held in Haddington. The SC was also present at a feedback session arranged by education officials from ELC to explain the selection process. It is envisaged that the SC will be involved in the formal interview process once the advertisement for the position of HT is made later this year. Members of the SC attended training events arranged by ELC , most notable selection and recruitment training . A wide range of training events are held by ELC and members of the SC are encouraged to attend as often these events can be useful in work based scenarios as well as school based activities.

This year also saw the school attain a marvellous inspection outcome by Education Scotland and members of the SC and other parents were involved in interviews with the Inspectors and at a subsequent Scottish Minister visit to the school.

I hope you all find this annual report of some interest and would encourage you all to come along to the meetings which are generally informal.

Regards

Adrian Stott

Chair, Stoneyhill School Council