



Penicuik High School Parents' Association Newsletter October 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

This newsletter is intended to give you an update on Parents' Association activities over the past year, and to encourage you to become involved with us.

AGM on Monday 12th October 2009 at 7pm in room 18, Penicuik High School. Wine/soft drinks and nibbles will be served. All welcome. The AGM will be immediately followed by the next in the popular series of "Meet the Management", a chance for you to address questions directly to Mr Edie and the management team.

During the year, we have once again been able to make substantial donations to school activities thanks to income from the 50/50 club. These have included a major contribution to the organisation of the school's Arts Week, support for refreshments and activities at the annual Leavers' Party, purchase of the new Penicuik High School achievement medals, a contribution to the school hardship fund, and several donations to pupil efforts for various school-related fundraising and charitable activities. We'll be able to report our grand total for the year at the AGM. For the coming year, we are already discussing possible contributions to support the school's Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme, and towards provision of equipment for our new rugby team.

With a view to building upon this record of financial support, we are now pleased to be able to offer the option of bypassing the 50/50 club and making regular donations direct to the PA. We hope that this may be attractive to parents/carers who prefer their full contribution to go directly to the support of school activities. You can find the relevant forms attached to this newsletter, or via the school website.

In addition to fund raising, we have been involved with a number of activities within the school, including participating in the development

of the school's annual improvement plan and sitting on appointment panels for senior posts. A sub-group have been thinking about how best to develop links with parents at our partner school in Malawi. We would welcome any input you might have on this. More generally, our sequence of meetings has continued as usual with regular reports from the Head Teacher and from other staff involved in various activities around the school. You can find minutes on the school website

<http://www.penicuik.info>

or in the quiet room of the public library.

A major item of interest this session will be Midlothian Council's review of secondary education provision. The council will be widely circulating questionnaires on this shortly, and we encourage all parents and carers to make their views known. The Parents' Association would also be very pleased to hear from you on this important topic.

As usual all parents and carers are very welcome to attend PHSPA meetings, whether to speak or just to listen, without fear of being lined up for a job!

If you'd like to get involved with the PHSPA, please come along to our meetings, and/or get in touch with us. You can contact the Chair, Murray Cole, by e-mail to mic@inf.ed.ac.uk, by phone on 672400, or in writing via the school office. The more people get involved, the more we'll be able to achieve.

Murray Cole, Parents' Association Chair.

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