



MINUTES OF PARENTS' LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Sunday 13 November 2011 - 3.00pm Conference Room

Present: Mrs Bellars, Miss Phipps, Mrs Buchanan, Mr & Mrs Bell, Mr King, Mr Sorbie,
Rear Admiral Lockwood

Apologies: Mr Carroll

1. **Minutes** - approved.

2. **Matters arising**

- a) PLG Terms of Reference - There was a general acceptance of these by PLG members.
- b) Black Knee Socks - Mrs MacDonald had consulted the senior girls who did not wish to wear black knee socks during the summer months.

3. **Head's Update**

- **Morocco Expedition**

Miss Low (Primary) and Mrs Rankin (Head's PA) spent 14 days of the October break in Morocco with 12 pupils.

The experience was demanding but worthwhile and pupils had enjoyed camel trekking and sleeping under the stars, but felt that too much was organised for them.

- **CCF Biennial Review**

This was conducted by Brigadier George Lowder of 51 Brigade. It had been a positive review with recommendations for another officer in the Army and RAF sections. More input to shooting was required and the plan was to train QV staff with the GOC also agreeing to provide some staff assistance.

ACTION: Mrs Bellars asked PLG members to advise her if anyone was willing to assist with this.

- **Staffing**

- Two new babies had been born to staff: Ellie, daughter of John Lawrence and Alfie, son of Steve Laing and Janette Scott-Laing.
- Interviews for the posts of Drum Major and Highland Dancing Instructor had been held and there were two preferred candidates.
- Mrs MacDonald retired on Friday 18 November and Mr Kirk, PT, English would take over as Acting Housemaster of Wavell, probably until Easter.
- Mr Coates was on long-term absence and would not return until January.

- **Online Newsletter/Mailshots**

Mrs Bellars indicated that the newsletter and mailing were due to go online and parents had been asked to let her PA know if a hard copy was required.

A request was made by Mr King of an email to alert parents when information was due to be placed on the website.

Mrs Bellars explained that the school did not have an email address for all parents and Mr King intimated that all MoD staff have work and personal email addresses, through DII.

Mr King suggested that a senior pupil could highlight information to be placed on the website. It could then be checked by a member of staff.

- **Piercings**

Mrs Bellars explained that the school had revised its policy on piercings in the light of recent developments.

Parent members supported a strong line on piercings.

The policy was as follows:

'When pupils are in school uniform, piercings must be conventional, ie one small piercing in each ear lobe. Anything else that is visible is in contravention of the school's ceremonial requirements.'

As now, girls may wear one small plain silver or gold coloured stud in each ear when in school uniform. Boys may not.

Pupils are allowed piercings when not in uniform.

- Mrs Bellars had invited Mr Watson to join the PLG and awaited a response.

Date of Next Meeting : Sunday 11 March at 3.00 pm