

OBAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Chair's Report for AGM 2018

The Parent Council currently has 31 members and tonight will be our 4th meeting of 2018. Minutes of our meetings in January, May and September are available on the Oban High School website (on the Homepage under Our School: Policies & Documents).

The Parent Council comprises both parents and teachers, including Mr Bain. Throughout the year the teachers on the group have delivered regular reports on staffing, funding, exam performance and the new school. Specific topics, such as Poverty Equity Funding, Raising Attainment, and Parental Engagement, have also been discussed at our meetings. The School Improvement Plan was shared with us for information and comment, and we were recently involved in a survey about the timing of school holidays.

In June we represented parents at interviews for senior management appointments and will do so again this week. One of our parent members attended the Argyll & Bute Parent Council Conference in Inveraray on our behalf.

Our fundraising subgroup have had an active and productive year. Ongoing methods which continue to run throughout the year are The Weather Lottery and Easyfundraising. From September we have added a new regular fundraiser called The 100 Club, which is a monthly draw with cash prizes. The winners are drawn by pupils at Assembly towards the end of each month. Anyone can join, so please sign up next year and encourage friends and family too – the more members we have, the more profit we make for Oban High School.

At Charities Day in June we had a stall selling fabulous home-baking which was provided by Mrs Mackinnon's S3 classes in Food Technology. As it was a really sunny day and about 26 degrees in the shade, we wished we had chosen to flog ice-cream and cold drinks!

We have also been working hard to raise our profile over the year. This has included meeting parents at the S1 Induction evening and at Prize-giving. We have been providing refreshments for teachers and parents at all the Parents' Evenings throughout the term, and we will be doing so again at the Christmas Cracker Concert, where we will also have a raffle.

Last week we were in the school every lunchtime promoting re-use of party outfits with a Jingles Clothes Swap initiative, and we are planning a pampering and de-stress evening next term. Please look out for our posts about these and other events on the Oban High School Facebook page at www.facebook.com/obanhigh/ and please consider joining us and contributing to our activities. All are welcome.

Maggie Thorpe

Chair

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