

Kelso High School PTA Meeting Wednesday 31st May 2006

Minutes

1. Present: Dena Walsh (chair), Lynn Forsyth (treasurer), Vanessa Henderson (secretary), Charlie Robertson, Heather Kerr, Jackie Bates, Sharon Johnstone,
2. Apologies: Henry Thomson, Susan Elliot, Susan Turnbull, Alison Clark.
3. Dena convened a short meeting to consolidate the arrangements for the grand fundraising raffle on 28/06/05. Tickets have been batched and forwarded to the office. They will be issued to pupils with the newsletter at the end of this week. An advertisement has been placed with the Southern Reporter.

Any monies and stubs should be handed in to the School office.

Additional tickets are available from Dena.

The committee will also be expected to sell as many tickets as possible.

Further raffle prizes would be appreciated. The sort of thing we are looking for are more substantial than chocs, smellies and wine. Prizes already donated include vouchers for Mitchell's, Intersport, Hazel Lodge and a Multi Swim ticket.

If you have a generous employer or have any connections with local business please do your best to procure further prizes.

We will write to The Queens Bistro, Kelso Racecourse, Borders Rugby and Roxburgh Hotel.

4. Lynn indicated that after expenses she anticipated that approximately £1000.00 would be available towards sports equipment. Mr Robertson said that the school would supply a wish list.
5. Mr Robertson announced that:
 - ?? the High School Activities Day of 28/06/06 to coincide with the official opening of the all weather sports area has been adopted by the Health Committee and is likely to now spread over 3 days .
 - ?? the school has applied for selection by Radio Scotland to be the borders representative for Sound Town (Sin Tim) next year. This is a Radio Scotland community project which would involve the broadcast of various programs from the school.
 - ?? he asked if the Committee would be prepared to sponsor the paper used for certificates of achievement as had been the case in previous years. It was agreed to do so.
 - ?? he asked the committee to assist at the P7 evening on 13/06/06. Our presence would be required from about 7.45 to serve wine and mingle with the parents.
 - ?? following the Home/School Communication consultation on attendance it had emerged that parents would prefer to telephone the school if a child was likely to be absent and further they wished the school to phone them if there are any problems or absences. Mr Robertson explained that he had sufficient funds to create a part time office post in the mornings in order to monitor and react to the attendance register.
 - ?? an evening for S1 parents will be held on or about 19/09/06 to give parents of new pupils an opportunity to raise any concerns or questions. Mr Robertson suggested that the PTA host the evening and thus take the opportunity to boost the profile and membership of the PTA. It was agreed to do so.

6. Future minutes will be issued to the school office for inclusion on the school website. The PTA contact list has been updated and will be copied to all members.
7. Date of next meeting: **29/09/06 at 7.00pm**