

Welcome to the New School Board Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the new Kincorth Academy School Board newsletter, Parents' News, aimed at improving communications between the school and all parents. This issue will provide you with some background information to the School Board, its functioning, its successes and how you can play a more active role in the opera-

tion of the School Board.

Contact details for each of the current Board parent members are provided in case you wish to discuss any matters in confidence at anytime in the future. We don't 'bite' so please, do let us have your opinions as to what you expect of both ourselves and the school in general.

Parent Members' Details

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New School Board Logo Designed by Kincorth Academy Pupils

In line with the new drive to improve communications with parents, the Board decided to upgrade its logo with a new image. A challenge was set to pupils studying art to come up with something 'different' for the Board.



We have been told that the pupils were very stimulated by this challenge and an excellent response was received. The Board at its recent meeting selected the logo depicted above, which it turned out had been collectively designed by a group of S4 pupils. Great teamwork by the pupils and the Board is really pleased with the result, which looks both modern and vibrant.

Lets hope that the Board can similarly be modern and vibrant with their ideas for working with the school and parents to improve overall pupil performance!!

What is the School Board?

School Boards have been in existence since 1989 and have grown in strength over the years.

The main purpose of School Boards is to promote contact between the school, parents of pupils in attendance at the school and the community.

School Boards are all about partnerships. Parents, school staff and co-opted members meet together to share ideas, discuss issues and look at new opportunities. Through the School Board, you can be much more involved in the way your son or daughter's school is run.

School Board meetings are public meetings and therefore any member of the public is entitled to attend as an observer.

What do School Boards Do?

Some areas that the Board gets involved in include:

- Taking part in the appointment of senior promoted teaching staff and if Boards wish, other staff appointments
- Approving the Head Teacher's proposals for buying books and materials
- Nominating members to serve on the Aberdeen Council's Parents forum
- Encouraging the formation of a PTA where none exists
- The Head Teacher consults the Board on the School Development Plan, Hours of Opening, school dress, homework, discipline policy and curricular provision
- Communicating with parents

Primary 7 'Roadshow'

The School Board will be at the P7 information evenings on the following dates:

- Monday 1st December at Loirston School
- Tuesday 2nd December at Charleston School
- Monday 12th January at Kirkhill School
- Tuesday 13th January at Abbotswell School
- Wed 14th January at Craighill School

Some Recent School Board Campaigns & Successes

- Compensation received by the school for damage to languages classroom decoration and books as a result of flooding. Language teachers 'delighted'
- Ongoing representations being made regarding inconsistent senior pupil bus charges. It appears that some progress is now being made. Watch this space!!
- School to be rewired and lighting upgraded following approaches made by the School Board. Windows need renewing and board continuing to push for 'rolling' upgrade programme.
- Information Technology equipment is vastly out of date for current requirements. Additional £5,000 has been granted to school for new equipment following request made by School Board. Still require an additional sum of £172,000 to meet school needs!!

Sponsorship Sought for Future Issues of Parents' News

Do you know any local companies in the community who might be willing to sponsor the production and printing of future newsletters. We want this newsletter to grow bigger and better and an ideal opportunity exists for a local company to assist with this.

Full recognition will be given to any sponsorship received and editorial space will be provided if requested.

Please contact Raymond Davidson with any offers of support on 890031.

**Next School Board Meeting
7pm on Wed 3rd
December at
Cove Bay Hotel**

Who are the School Board?

This is what the parent members of the School Board look like. We are an ordinary group of parents without any special quali-



fications or experience who are interested in working with the school and other parents to improve the future opportunities for our children. To help us achieve this aim, we would love to see more interest being shown by other parents in the work of the School Board.

We would also be encouraged by parents attendance at our meetings to see at first hand the types of issues we discuss. All meetings are informal and visitors are made most welcome.

Why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd December 2003 and see for yourself what we do.

New School Uniform—Feedback Sought

The new uniform appears to have been met with great approval from parents and pupils alike. However, some comments have been made about the quality of some of the garments. These appear to 'bobble' very easily and after washing lose some of their body. Comments from parents would be most welcome so that discussions can take place with suppliers to remedy the situation before the next batch of

uniforms is produced. Please provide your comments to any member of the School Board.

