

Treasurer's report (Year ending 31 July 2009)

The signatories on the bank account are: Nigel Goddard (Chair), Alpana Mair (Vice-Chair), Tom Macintyre (Treasurer) and Carol Farrell (Events).

The School Council account basically reflects the activity from two sub-groups - Communication and Events. Communication with parents continues to be a key role for the School Council but the limited funds provided by the City of Edinburgh restrict the frequency and mode of communication to parents. Communications have been made through newsletters and fliers in school bags or through the post for non-resident parents, text messaging, email and posting to all households for the AGM papers. This aspect of the accounts represents the operational side of the school council. A reduction in printing and postage costs was a result of sharing distribution with the school for some joint postal communications; something we would wish to pursue further in the coming session.

The non-operational funds were accrued by the Events group through supporting parents networking at each of the programmed consultation meetings (tea, coffee etc) as well as providing refreshments at other school meetings, Carol Concerts, Spring Fling, Diverscity events and the Sporting Achievement night. The stand-alone event of the Burns Supper was wholly organised by the events group and this generated over £1200 for the School Council to disburse as proposed by the Events group. These funds were channelled through the School Council bank account with the Clydesdale Bank. The events group are supporting selected school activities with the accrued funds; the disbursement was decided following a bidding process for Small Fund allocations to departments or whole school initiatives. As in previous years the events group continue to support the Zwelibanzi project.

Projecting forward to this financial year the school council received per capita funding from the City of Edinburgh (plus an option to claim for Clerk fees at the end of the financial year) to cover the operational aspects of the school council. Communication costs are budgeted on the basis of £90 per distribution of Newsletter/ Notification of Meetings/ Advertising events (5 planned); and the AGM mailing is budgeted at £550. This will account for £1000 from our allocation of £1122.60, assuming we recoup the Clerk's fees of £250.

I am happy to respond to any questions, clarifications or comments on the account as tabled before it is moved to be adopted (subject to audit).