

Finalised HPCP Conference Programme Sat. 18th Nov. 2017, 09.30am – 3.30pm
The Council Chamber, Highland Council HQ, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX

09.30-10.00 Registration and Tea/ Coffee

10.00-10.15 Fergus Weir, HPCP Chair– Welcome and Introductions

10.15-11.15 John Swinney – Government level

- Presentation.
- Questions from the floor.

11.15-11.30 Fergus Weir – HPCP: Progress and Ambitions for the Future

- HPCP progress and update.
- Formal review and vision of Parent Council role based on NPFS and Governance review (delegate handout) making clear there are a range of PC structure options.

11.30-12.30 Bill Alexander – Local Authority level

- Budgetary restraints require a new approach of cluster management.
- Definition of core resources and what Council will pay for.
- Teacher recruitment and what is being done to address it.
- Equality of access to the curriculum and how this is being fixed.
- Basically we don't have the money to re-build schools we would like, to employ the teachers we need and deliver the curriculum we would like.

12.30-13.00 Case Studies from Parent Councils

- Examples of fund-raising.
- Examples of other ways PCs support schools.
- Examples of ways PCs have challenged or changed schools.

13.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 The Four Regional Workshops

- We are aiming for each workshop to come up with their top 3 areas of concern, areas of success and key priorities for change.
- We hope these regional workshops will be the start of increased regional and ASG collaboration.
- Results of the regional workshops will be written up and emailed to everyone following the conference.

14.30-15.00 Open Session

15.00-15.30 HPCP AGM and Conference Summary – Fergus Weir

- What PCs can do and where to go for help.
- Main messages to send to Highland Council and the Scottish Government.
- HPCP restructuring and active volunteer requirements.