

**Calderglen High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st February 2017**

In attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher

Paula Callaghan – Chair

Isabel Grant – Staff Member

Andrew Brawley – Parent Member

Val Dray – Parent Member

Jane Miller – Parent Member

Helen Cameron - Parent Member

Catherine Macdonald – Parent Member

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Colin Stewart – Staff Member

Gail Martin – Staff Member

Apologies:

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Susan McKenzie – Parent Member

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

Katrina Livingstone (School Captain)

Welcome

- Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes

- Isabel proposed and Paula seconded approval of the minutes from January 2017.

Matters Arising

- No matters arising.

Presentation on new school website

- Gail Martin (Staff Member) presented the new school website.
- Gail advised how to navigate the page from the home page.
- The new website will be fully updated for each Faculty within the school and links to Twitter will also be made available. Homework, resources and other useful information for parents will also be easily accessible.
- Gail would like feedback from parents about ease of navigation. Members of the Parent Council agreed that they would test the new website.
- The school newsletter will be made available under the 'Parents' tab.
- A virtual calendar will display important events.
- Andrew enquired about a search capability option. Gail advised that this would be a possibility.
- Liz stated that any important policy documents would be together under the 'Policy' tab. Liz is keen to have any feedback regarding the new website emailed to her.
- Andrew enquired about a 'social media hub' which would link to social media feeds as this would encourage more people to use the website. Gail advised that she would look into this.
- Carolyn suggested that school meal options could be put on the website.
- There is a designated person for each Faculty who is responsible for maintaining the website.
- Gail wanted to know how many Parent Council minutes should be uploaded to the new website. Paula suggested that minutes from the last academic year should be sufficient.

Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that there have been many successful and enjoyable trips for pupils recently. The Drama Department arranged for a group of senior pupils to travel to London and there was a Royal Society STEM trip where ten S3 pupils presented on IDL.
- Several pupils have achieved success in a number of sporting competitions such as: figure skating, swimming and football. The under 18s football team reached the quarter final of the Scottish Cup.
- There will be trips to Malaga (Dance) and London (Performing Arts) in June.
- Senior Phase pupils are focused on examination preparation in the lead up to the SQA examination diet.

- The results of their formal examinations have been issued and targets have been set ahead of the final exams.
- Liz has been heavily involved in recruitment and planning for staffing for the next academic session. There are currently 3 live adverts for jobs.
- Liz stated there is concern about the lack of Home Economics teachers. Unfortunately, as a result of staff shortages, Home Economics will not be on offer to S1 pupil next session.
- Liz advised that there is a shortage of staff applying for jobs as many schools are retaining newly qualified staff.
- A Teacher of English has recently been appointed to the school, Stephanie Gavin.
- The school will receive funding as part of the Pupil Equity scheme. Liz will attend a meeting on Monday 27th Feb. This funding will be used to support the most vulnerable pupils and close the attainment gap. Approximately £122,000 has been secured as part of this initiative.
- Liz advised that new courses are allowing for more curriculum flexibility such as Art, Photography and Media Studies. Liz has been able to use staff expertise more effectively across subjects. Donna MacDonald has been using her expertise in Media to deliver the Media course as well as Gaelic.

School Captains Update

- No update.

2017 School Year/ Calendar

(A) Events to cover

- The Parent Council will offer tea/coffee at the S3 Parents' Evening.
- The Studio32 event has been well publicised to staff and parents.
- 40 tickets have been sold to parents, however, staff will continue to promote this. Approximately 70 tickets have been sold in total.
- Jane advised that she will provide refreshments for Studio 32 and refreshments and cakes will be available to those attending on the night.
- Raffle tickets will be sold and entertainment hampers will be on offer as prizes.
- Paula thanked Jane for all her work in arranging the evening.
- Susan will help Jane to set up on the night.
- Doors will open at 7pm.

Financial

- Andy advised that a Cashback Application could be used by parents in order to raise money for the school fund. Andy will find out more and update the Parent Council. It was suggested that a link to this could be provided on the school website.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 14th March 2017 6.45 PM