



**Caldergleng High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th January 2016**

In Attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher
Paula Callaghan - Chair
Isabel Grant - Staff Member
Catherine MacDonald - Parent Member
Rosina Marley – Staff Member
Colin Stewart – Staff Member
Val Dray – Parent Member
Elaine Innes – Clerk
Carolyn Mason – Staff Member
Susan Bryson – Parent Member
Andrew Brawley – Parent Member
Emma Hill – Pupil (School Captain)

Apologies

Jane Miller – Parent Member
Pauline Smith – Parent Member
Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Welcome

- Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes

- Andrew proposed and Isabel seconded approval of the minutes from November 2015.

Matters Arising

(A) Vehicle Access and Parking

- No progress has been made regarding the current situation with vehicle access and parking.
- Donald Gibson has advised that a Traffic Regulation Order will take up to six months to approve.
- There is an ongoing concern for pupil safety as there was a recent near miss in the car park.
- Liz advised that parents should be seeking safer alternatives near the school as pick up and drop off points (not High Common Road.)
- R. Marley queried the signage on approach to the building and highlighted the close proximity of the zebra crossing as an issue.
- Liz advised that there should be an update from South Lanarkshire Council regarding the Traffic Regulation Order around August 2016.

Update from Emma Hill (School Captain)

- Emma provided an update on behalf of the four school captains.
- She advised that there has been a positive response to the Study Club, with numbers increasing as pupils approach their Formal Exams.
- There was also positive feedback in response to the S1 Fun day.
- The Captains are keen to fundraise throughout the school year through bake sales and dress down days.
- Pupils are also keen to create a School Charter of their Rights and Responsibilities. Pupils will be working closely with our partner school in Cape Town, South Africa. Liz advised that this is part of the Rights Made Real application which will encourage Global Citizenship.
- Paula queried whether it would be beneficial for the current captains to maintain log this year in order to hand over effectively to next year's captains. Emma agreed that this would allow the next cohort to benefit from the experience the captains have gained this year.
- C Mason praised the S6 buddies this year and the positive relationships they have built with the current S1 pupils.
- Emma advised that there will be more events taking place which will continue to foster positive relationships between S1 and S6 pupils.

Matters for Discussion

(A) Meeting with Sanderson

- The meeting with Sanderson staff will take place on Tuesday 16th February. This will include a walk round.
- Andrew advised that Calderglen staff are welcome to attend meetings and visit Sanderson at any time.
- A proposal has been put forward for 14 Sanderson pupils to attend the Calderglen Prom at the Crutherland Hotel. Liz agreed that this would be positive for all pupils.

(B) Engine Idling

- Liz has emailed South Lanarkshire Council regarding this matter. The school is currently not authorised to deal with this issue.

(C) School Reports

- Susan advised that there was an issue with the recent reports as only staff could view numbers and not parents.
- Liz advised that this was due to the new South Lanarkshire Council SEEMIS format and that the school is now aware of the issue.
- Liz advised that an explanation was provided to parents via letter.
- Liz advised that the timeline for reporting cannot be changed due to the Working Time Arrangement.
- This technical issue should be fixed for the next set of reports. Derek Hay is dealing with the issue.

Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that having the S4 FEEs earlier this year has been positive for both staff and pupils.
- Staff are more familiar with the National Courses in terms of content and assessment.
- There has been increasing tracking and monitoring of N3 pupils.
- Pupils returned on 17/12/15 and there was a dip in attendance in the lead up to the Christmas holidays.
- The S5/6 FEEs will take place on 18/01/16. Pupils will have study leaving during their Formal Examinations.
- Family Conferences are ongoing for senior pupils.
- The school has placed a £20,000 bid as part of the 'Developing Scotland's Young Workforce' scheme.
- The school's destination figures have risen again. There are various routes available to pupils such as Modern Apprenticeship schemes offered by local agencies such as the EK GTA. The pilot scheme with the EK GTA has had a positive impact on the pupils who have taken part (8 boys in total).
- Liz advised that she is keen to continue to develop partnership working and provide real-life contexts for learning.
- Liz expressed concern about austerity cuts discussed at a staffing meeting with South Lanarkshire Council.

Correspondence

- No new correspondence.

2015/16 School Year/ Calendar

(A) Events to cover - S1,2,3 Parents' Evenings

The Parent Council will offer tea and coffee to parents on the following dates: S1 – 26th Jan, S2 – 2nd Feb, and S3 – 18th Feb.

Fundraising

- The school raised £1200 for school funds as a result of the Christmas Fayre.
- R Marley enquired about other opportunities to raise funds throughout the school year such as the car-boot sale.
- Unfortunately Andrew's letter asking for employers to support the school fund has not prompted a response. He will continue to issue the letter each year.

AOCB

- Pupil notices can no longer be accessed through the Idlefire Application. Colin Stewart advised that this was because the host subscription has come to an end. Pupil notices will continue to be highlighted via email and read to pupils during tutor time.
- Colin is also looking into updating the school website. Paula will ensure that the Parent Council minutes are updated on the school website.

- Odette Frazer is currently arranging the Easter Study School timetable for pupils. Revision classes will be on offer from Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th April for senior pupils.

Date of Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 6.45pm.**