

**Caldergleng High School  
Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**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

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Catherine Macdonald – Parent Member

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Colin Stewart – Staff Member

Hannah Shanks- Parent Member

Sharon Williamson – Parent Member

Katrina Livingstone – School Captain

Sarah Erol – School Captain

**Apologies:**

Sharon Williamson – Parent Member

Billy Williamson – Parent Member

Colin Maybury

Susan Mckenzie – Parent Member

Colin Stewart – Staff Member

Carolyn Mason – Staff Member

## Welcome

- Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Approval of minutes

- Paula proposed and Andrew seconded approval of the minutes from October 2016.

## Matters Arising

### **(A) Parental Donations**

- Concern was raised about the lack of response to parental donations.
- There was a concern that some pupils did not receive the brown donation envelopes during tutor time.
- As some pupils were on the outdoor learning trip to Broomlea, they may have misplaced their donation envelopes.
- Liz advised that staff were aware that the envelopes were to be handed out during tutor time. Liz advised that Twitter and Parent mail would be used to remind parents.
- It was agreed that the date for donations would be extended.

## Correspondence

- No correspondence.

## Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that there will be a 'Parents as Partners' meeting on 17/11/16.
- Liz advised that J. Craig presented 'E-Workshops' to parents. The parents who attended stated that this was a very successful event. However, Liz advised that the attendance was disappointing. Liz believes that this was due to the timing of the event. Liz suggested that in future parents may be asked to enrol online on such courses in a similar way to the new parents' evening booking form. This would allow staff to know how many parents to expect at after-school events.
- A successful 'Business Breakfast' was held in school with business partners. Business partners spoke to pupils about entrepreneurial skills and alternative routes into business.
- The new school website is being worked on and will be launched as soon as possible.
- A number of successful trips have taken place and increasingly subjects are looking to make links with partners linked to real-life experiences/skills development.
- A number of senior pupils have been involved in dementia awareness training, Child line training and pupils have been working with St. Andrew's Hospice.

- A total of £1864 was raised for the Beatson Cancer clinic due to the school fun run and dress down day.

### **School Captains Update**

- Katrina and Sarah provided an update on the work of the school captains.
- The S1/6 Buddy quiz was very successful and this is something the captains are keen to run again. Katrina advised that they will act upon the feedback of S1 pupils.
- The captains are organising a 'Snow Ball' for S1 pupils.
- The captains are keen to promote pupil voice throughout the school. They have been raising awareness about the forthcoming Scottish Youth Parliament elections and encouraging pupils to write their manifestos. They have been advising pupils of their right to vote.
- Mrs McConville (ICT) has been in contact with RM to enable the new printer to be utilised in the library.
- The school is using Twitter effectively to promote 'Developing the Young Work Force' and keep in contact with past pupils through 'Calderglen Alumni'.

### **2016/17 School Year/ Calendar**

#### **(A) Events to cover**

- The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- Liz will confirm the catering arrangements.
- The P7 Information Evening will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Financial**

#### **(A) Fundraising**

- Jane confirmed that she is still looking to proceed with the date of 24<sup>th</sup> February for the Studio 32 evening.

### **AOCB**

- No issues to raise

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January (6.45).**