

**Caldergleng High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th October 2017**

In attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher

Andrew Brawley – Chair

Carolyn Mason – Staff Member

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Colin Stewart – Staff Member

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer

Val Dray – Parent Member

Catherine MacDonald – Parent Member

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Gillian Hanna – Parent Member

Sarah Kneller – Parent Member

Elaine Kelly – Clerk

David Logan – School Captain

Graham Scott – Councillor

Gladys Miller -Councillor

Apologies:

Jane Miller – Vice Chairperson

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

George Wilson – Parent Member

Donna McLeish– Parent Member

Lisa MacRae– Parent Member

Welcome

- Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Andy thanked Councillor Miller and Councillor Scott for their attendance.

Approval of minutes

- Andy proposed and Carolyn seconded approval of the minutes from September 2017.

Head Teacher's Report (Sanderson High)

- Aisling Boyle, Sanderson High Head Teacher, provided an overview of Sanderson and Calderglen High School's Joint Inclusion policy. Aisling outlined key areas where joint working has promoted inclusion such as Sanderson pupils attending Calderglen classes and shared social events such as prom and Duke of Edinburgh. Aisling complimented S6 Calderglen volunteers who volunteer to work with Sanderson pupils. Liz advised that this was highly rewarding for senior pupils and that she has received positive feedback from them.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan advised that the Parent Council Bank Account was now live. Andy encouraged Parent Council members to use www.easyfundraising.com in order to help raise funds for the school.

Matters for Discussion

- **Envelopes for Funds**
 - Andy advised that Jane would update us on this at the next meeting.
- **Policy on Homework**
 - Andy asked Liz to clarify the school's position regarding homework being marked as a non-submission if a pupil does not have the piece of work printed out. Rosina stated that she had dealt with this concern and had contacted the parent. Liz made it clear that if the pupil has completed the work then it should not be marked as a non-submission by class teachers and that this is the school policy on this matter. Liz advised that facilities are available in the school for pupils to print work.

Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that faculties have now analysed their SQA Insight data in depth and have set key targets for their Improvement Plans for this session based on the results.
- Liz stated that Minister Alistair Burt MP visited the school to recognise the school's work with Global Learning. This includes the work that has been done with seniors through the befriending project and dementia awareness work. David stated that the visit was a great success which showcased the school and that it was an enjoyable experience for the school captains to be involved in.

- Liz and F Murphy will visit our link primary 'Mountview High' in Capetown in order to train staff on inclusive education during the October break. S6 pupils will be visiting in 2018 as part of the 'Connecting Classrooms' initiative.

Pupil Equity Funding

- Andy advised that he was involved in the recruitment process for PEF roles within the school. Pupil Equity Funding is aimed at closing the gap and improving outcomes for young people, particularly those from less affluent backgrounds. He complimented the staff involved and stated that the overall standard was very high. Four members of staff were selected for the following roles: Family Learning (D Marsden), BGE Standards (L Stewart), Nurture (S King) and Wider Achievement (M Healy).

Correspondence

- SLC consultation on new school in Jackton has resulted in a new second option being tabled which has implications for Calderglen High School. This would involve pupils from Greenhills Primary School joining Calderglen (currently aligned with Duncanrig High School) and pupils from Jackton Primary joining Duncanrig. The original proposal was that Greenhills pupils would continue to attend Duncanrig as is the case at present and Jackton pupils would attend Calderglen.
- Mr Brawley and Mr Maybury asked why a second option had been put on the table but Councillors Scott and Miller advised that they were unaware of the reason why this second option was proposed.
- Liz advised that the original option would allow Duncanrig and Greenhills Primary to continue their long established transition work. The first proposal would not impact negatively on transition and would allow for Calderglen to be a fully comprehensive school.
- Councillor Scott advised that there is a minimal difference in terms of travel time between Duncanrig and Calderglen for pupils travelling from the Jackton area.
- Liz advised that a Parentmail would be issued to parents asking them to give their views on the proposals and encouraged staff and parents to put their views forward. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November at Greenhills Hall. The closing date for staff and parents to put their views forward is 1st December 2017.

AOCB

- Andy extended an invite to parent members to be elected representatives on the Education Resources Committee.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday 14th November – 6.45PM

