

**Caldergleng High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th March 2018**

In attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher

Andrew Brawley – Chair

Jane Miller – Vice Chairperson

Murray Stewart – Staff Member

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer

Val Dray – Parent Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

Catherine MacDonald – Parent Member

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Elaine Kelly – Clerk

Graham Scott – Councillor

David Marsden – Staff Member

Colin Stewart – Staff Member

Apologies:

Gladys Miller –Councillor

Carolyn Mason – Staff Member

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Gillian Hanna – Parent Member

1. Welcome

- Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Andy thanked Councillor Scott for attending the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Andy proposed and Val seconded approval of the minutes from December 2017. The Parent Council meeting in January was cancelled due to issues with snow.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Susan advised that the Parent Council Bank Account balance is £270.90 to date.

4. Matters for Discussion

Jackton Consultation

- Councillor Scott stated that he was happy with the case put forward by Calderglen. Councillor Scott will confirm the decision when it has been ratified. He sees no sound educational reason why it would be opposed.
- Liz thanked the Parent Council for raising awareness of the proposal. She stated that the Educational arguments put forward by staff, parents and pupil to Education Scotland were very clear.

Snow

- Andy asked Liz to confirm the school procedures when there is extreme weather.
- Liz advised that she works closely with other schools in the local area and that pupil safety is paramount.
- Liz stated that recent weather conditions were extreme and that it is unusual for there to be a blanket closure for all SLC schools. Liz felt that SLC had alerted parents promptly due to the red weather warning.
- Councillor Scott confirmed that SLC alerted parents as soon as possible and that pupil safety was paramount.
- Liz advised that the School Website and Twitter page was updated as soon as possible in order to alert parents.
- Liz thanked staff for directing pupils to meaningful work during the closure. Staff used Twitter and Google Classroom to facilitate this. David explained how staff are using remote learning platforms such as Google Classroom.

5. Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that there will be a wide variety of supported study sessions for pupils to attend during the Easter break.
- There have been several trips such as the ski trip and three silver Duke of Edinburgh trips.
- 'Paws Against Stress' have been working with Senior Phase pupils in order to alleviate exam stress. Liz thanked Odette for facilitating this. The dogs have also been helping some of our less confident readers and this has had an extremely positive impact.
- S1 Learning Away was very successful and the S6 helpers and S1 pupils enjoyed their residential trip.
- Junior pupils have had presentations on gender-based violence.

- Liz thanked staff for their involvement in celebrating the life of Megan Scott. ‘A Day for Megan’ involved dancing, poetry and a balloon release. Over 400 people attended the event. The school’s dance studio has been named formally as the ‘Megan Scott Dance Studio’ in tribute to Megan’s love of dance and performance. A plaque was created by the Design and Technology department. S2 boys were involved in a football match in support of Megan’s younger brother James.
- Liz provided an update on the most recent Insight Data from February. The school’s positive leaver destinations percentage is 97% which is an excellent result and demonstrates the school is outperforming virtual comparator schools. This is testament to the school’s Developing the Young Workforce strategy and providing bespoke pathways for individual pupils.
- Liz stated that staffing levels for next session have been confirmed.
- Murray, on behalf of the School Captains, provided a brief update. Several of our S6 pupils as part of the ‘Cape Connections’ programme visited Mount View High school in Cape Town. The S6 pupils involved had a fantastic experience and were made to feel very welcome by Mount View staff and pupils. Liz agreed that this was a highly rewarding and humbling experience for the young people. Some of the captains visited Auschwitz and have stated that they found this to be a life-changing and humbling experience. Murrin Wilding and Rachel Welsh have been sharing their experience with junior pupils.
- David provided an overview of the partnership working with parents he has facilitated in his role as Family Learning Coordinator. David has had positive feedback from parents in relation to the informal workshops. He advised that he has learned a great deal from parents in relation to removing barriers for young people.
- Andy provided an overview of the process in relation to processing Pupil Equity Funding bids put forward by staff. Andy was impressed by the ideas put forward by staff which clearly focused on improving outcomes for young people.

6. Correspondence

- Andy will report back on the ‘Parents Engaging Parents’ Information Night.

7. AOCB

- Susan thanked the school for providing pupils with the opportunity to take part in medical skills training.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday 1st May 2018, 6.45PM