

**Caldergleng High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 9^h October 2018**

In attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher

Andrew Brawley – Chair

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Val Dray – Parent Member

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Gillian Hanna – Parent Member

Sarah Kneller – Parent Member

Lewis Morton – S6 pupil (Sport Ambassador)

Apologies:

Carolyn Mason – Staff Member

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Colin Stewart – Parent/Staff Member

Jane Miller – Vice Chair

Graham Scott – Councillor

Gladys Miller – Councillor

David Marsden – Staff Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

1. Welcome

- Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Andy proposed and Val seconded the minutes from September 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Susan provided an update on the balance of the Parent Council account to date (£558.45). £24.99 was raised from the Easy Fundraising initiative.
- Andy advised that he will create a Parent Mail letter to encourage parents and companies to purchase items via the Easy Fundraising link in the lead-up to Christmas.

4. School Captain Update

- Lewis Morton (Sport Ambassador) outlined some of the work being carried out by the Captains and S6 pupils.
- The Captains enjoyed consulting with members of SMT and sharing their plans for the new session over breakfast.
- All S6 pupils have been provided with leadership opportunities this year.
- Dr Lisa Cameron (MP) visited the school and enjoyed speaking to S6 pupils about the forthcoming Cape Connections visit and the well-established links with Mount View High in South Africa.
- S6 pupils have also been involved in the befriending scheme and have volunteered at the East Kilbride Food Bank.
- S6 pupils also raised awareness of mental health during Mental Health Awareness Week through a range of activities.
- Lewis has enjoyed working closely with the under 15s footballers and leading them to a 5-0 victory against Duncanrig. The next match will take place on 24th October against Lanark. Lewis encouraged staff and parents to show their support.
- S6 key date timetables have been issued.
- Liz advised that the Senior Phase Study Skills Evening was a successful event. Susan stated that it was very beneficial.

5. Matters for Discussion

a) Christmas Shopping Night

- Gillian has arranged for a Christmas shopping night to take place on 8th November from 7-9PM (P7 Open Evening).
- There will be 30 tables in total.
- Keith Chaplin will promote to our associated primaries and Gillian has created a leaflet to advertise the night.
- There will also be a raffle to raise funds for the school.
- Gillian will liaise with the office staff and janitors in regards to the set-up of the event.
- Colin asked if there would be involvement from the school band or music at the event. Liz advised she would look into this.

b) What do we as a Parent Council want to achieve?

- Andy asked staff if there was a particular initiative the Parent Council could support now that some funds have been raised.
- Liz advised that this should be something linked to the School Improvement Plan and something which leaves a lasting legacy. Liz cited an initiative whereby a Parent/Teacher Charter was co-constructed by a school in the Netherlands.
- Andy suggested ideas whereby pupil wellbeing could be supported by the Parent Council such as Paws Against Stress and parental workshops around managing stress during exams.
- Andy is happy to receive any suggestions.

c) Tree Planting Initiative

- Helen Rowan will take this forward. Liz will look to work with Sanderson on this project.

6. Head Teacher's Report

- Liz provided an update on the school's Senior Phase examination results.
- In S4, the number of pupils achieving 5 National 5 passes increased to 53.57%. There was improvement not only in the number of pupils presented, but also in the quality of passes.
- Literacy attainment increased from 51.26% to 71.83% and numeracy increased from 48.79% to 53.17%.
- Liz is also pleased that the school has had positive results in terms of closing the gap for the most vulnerable pupils. The school outperformed their virtual comparators in this area.
- In S5, there were several successes such as 100% pass rate in Higher Media and Higher French. The school has maintained its position in terms of securing positive

destinations for our young people. A key focus this year will be improving the quality of passes and maintaining presentation levels at Higher. Staff are looking to build on the positive results gained in National 5.

7. Correspondence

- A letter of thanks from Catherine.
- Updated bank statement (updated).

8. AOCB

- Mrs Dodds is looking for parent volunteers to be part of a design thinking project with NOTOSH on 29th and 30th October 9AM-4PM. Please contact Jill Dodds for more information.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday 11th December 2018, 6.45PM