

**Calderglenn High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 11^h September 2018**

In attendance:

Liz White – Head Teacher

Andrew Brawley – Chair

Jane Miller – Vice Chair

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Graham Scott – Councillor

Gladys Miller - Councillor

Murray Stewart – Staff Member

David Marsden – Staff Member

Val Dray – Parent Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Gillian Hanna – Parent Member

Cara Gillespie – School Captain

Apologies:

Colin Stewart – Parent/Staff Member

Carolyn Mason – Staff Member

Rosina Marley – Staff Member

Sarah Kneller – Parent Member

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- David proposed and Hannah seconded the minutes from June 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Susan provided an update on the balance of the Parent Council account to date (£101.59). Susan advised that £26.54 had been raised through Easy Fundraising.
- Andy advised that the Parent Council will decide what to do with the funds at a later date.

4. School Captain Update

- Cara Gillespie provided an update on her first two weeks as School Captain. Cara, in conjunction with the other school captains, has conducted meetings with Prefects and the S6 pupils have signed up for school and community volunteering projects. The Captains are keen to expand extra-curricular activities this year.
- The Captains welcomed Dutch visitors to the school who were interested in learning more about Curriculum for Excellence.
- Four Ambassadors have been elected to represent Faculties/lead key areas within the school:
 - Callum Wright (Technology)
 - Jenna Blair (Pupil Voice)
 - Adam Stewart (Performing Arts)
 - Lewis Morton (Sports)
- The Captains enjoyed consulting with members of SMT and sharing their plans for the new session over an enjoyable breakfast.

5. Matters for Discussion

a) What does the Parent Council want to achieve this year?

- Andy is keen to consult with members of the Parent Council to agree key targets going forward.
- Councillor Scott advised that the Parent Council and the school community should be closely involved in the development of the new Jackton Primary School which is due to open in 2021.

b) Christmas Shopping Night

- Gillian enquired about hosting a Christmas shopping night on 8th November (P7 Open Evening).

- Mr Chaplin is happy for this to go ahead.
- Liz will make enquiries and consider which area of the school would be most suitable to host the event.
- Gillian will liaise with Marj regarding the format of the night/number of tables. Gillian is also happy to promote the evening.
- David asked if the South Africa fundraising group could raise funds on the night. Liz approved this.
- David also advised that the Studio 32 Evening will take place on Monday 22nd October.

c) School Uniform Policy

- Murray provided an update regarding the uniform policy.
- Murray advised that there had been a very positive response to the revised policy.
- S1 pupils are looking very smart in full uniform and there have been no issues.
- Liz stated that consistency will be key to ensuring high standards across the school. Staff stated that pupils are adhering to the dress code.
- Liz stated that funding has been secured for PE T-shirts to have the school logo printed on them. They will be made available next session.

d) Tree Planting Initiative

- Hannah advised that the Woodland Trust, in conjunction with Poppy Scotland, are looking to support community-based projects to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. The proposed project would involve planting 500 trees in land in East Kilbride.
- Liz advised that she will speak to Andy McLean and suggested that Sanderson could also be involved in the project.

6. Head Teacher's Report

- Liz advised that it has been a difficult time for the school community as we learned about the tragic death of a former pupil, Alex Lindsay in July. Liz is working closely with the family to offer support at this difficult time.
- Liz advised that there will be a focus on improving the mental health and wellbeing of our young people this session.
- Liz commented that the N5 SQA results were very positive. The school presented more pupils than ever before for N5 awards. Staff employed particular strategies to support pupils and early interventions improved the overall attainment of the S4 cohort.
- Liz advised that staff will seek to build on this success this session with S5.
- Murray advised that an emphasis will be placed on building resilience in our young people and early interventions will enable staff to put additional support in place.

- Liz also reported that pupils with significant barriers to learning were supported by the ASN department to achieve outstanding results in their SQA exams.
- Liz advised that the 97.24% of leavers secured positive destinations last year.
- The school welcomed Dutch visitors to the school who were interested in Curriculum for Excellence. Staff and pupils were able to share their experience of the curriculum. The CEO of Notosh also attended and discussed some of the opportunities to integrate 'design thinking' into the curriculum. S1 pupils were involved in a 'Day of Design' whereby they had to use design thinking to overcome school-based problems. Liz advised that the visitors were particularly impressed with the way that Calderglen had adapted the curriculum to develop the skills required for the future. For example, there was a 100% pass rate in 'Lab Skills' last session.
- Two successfully OYT sailing trips have taken place. Pupils will receive their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award as a result of this. Pupils have enjoyed this hands-on experience and have developed many transferrable skills.
- Liz has appointed Christine Creaney as the new DHT for S6. Barry Mills has also been appointed as Faculty Head of the Computing and Business Education Faculty.
- There have been several Pupil Support appointments. Mr Marsden will focus on raising attainment and maximising pupil attendance. Mr Murray and Ms Patton have secured a job-share post.
- Liz stated that the 'Kick-start Band' initiative by Mrs McCrory in Music has enabled pupils to use repaired musical instruments. This has led to an improved number of pupils joining the Junior Band (45/58 pupils in the Junior Band took part in the initiative).

7. Correspondence

- Andy received an SLC document 'Safer Footwear.'
- No other correspondence.

8. AOCB

- Notable dates:
 - Monday 22nd November – Studio 32 Evening.
 - Thursday 8th November – P7 Open Evening/Christmas shopping event.
 - S4 Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd November.
 - S5 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 5th November.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday 9th October 2018, 6.45PM