

**Caldergleng High School  
Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**In attendance:**

Andrew Brawley – Parent Member

Keith Chaplin - DHT

Gillian Hanna – Chair

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Calum McKenzie – School Captain

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer/ Vice Chair

Fiona Murphy - DHT

Drew Murray - Parent Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

Murray Stewart – DHT

Liz White – Head Teacher

**Apologies:**

Sarah Kneller – Parent Member

Councillor Scott

David Marsden – Staff Member

**1. Welcome**

- Gillian welcomed everyone to the meeting. Gillian welcomed new member Drew Murray to the Parent Council.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

- Susan proposed and Gillian seconded approval of the minutes from September 2019.

### **3. Treasurers's Report**

- Susan advised that the Easy Fundraising Initiative has raised £244 to date. The invoice for the Leavers' Breakfast has been passed on to M Stewart for processing.
- Liz thanked the Parent Council for their donation to the Assisted Fundraising Scheme.
- The new total for the Parent Council bank account is £1147.

### **4. School Captain Report**

- Calum provided an update on behalf of the School Captains. There have been six School Captains appointed this year. Calum advised that a key focus was promoting pupil voice within the school. Liz thanked Calum and the other captains for their excellent rapport with younger pupils.

### **5. Matters for Discussion**

#### **Uniform Supplier Update (Murray)**

- Murray has been in touch with Gilmour Sports who run "Schoolwear Made Easy". He has enquired about their delivery schedules and they stated that normally this would be under 10 days, but acknowledged that some of these orders took 14-20 days, with 10 being over 20 days. They agreed that anything over 10 days is regarded by them as poor service. They have offered to start to stock garments pre badged, thus reducing delivery times to under 7 days and normally within 3-5 days.
- They commented that they offered free delivery and cite this as being the reason that the price is £7.99. They intimated that should the school look to purchase a bulk order in advance, this might bring the cost down.
- They accepted that there had been a failure in some of the Calderglen orders. We also use this company to supply leavers' hoodies and have enjoyed a good relationship with the company in the past. They are also willing to supply additional sample sizes /colours to the school.
- With reference to Baru, trading under "Kit my Kid" Murray has been in touch with the company regarding the arrangement we have with them to supply blazers and ties. Murray discussed our concerns regarding issues with blazers.
- Murray stated that Academy uniform appear to represent value for money and are certainly more local, should parents wish to collect orders or speak to someone in person. Murray has been in discussions with the company and has set up a meeting for 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with a view to looking at some figures. They have also agreed to present at our next Parent Council meeting.

### *New email address*

- Keith advised that the new Parent Council email address is [parentcouncilcalderglenglen@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncilcalderglenglen@gmail.com).

## *6. Head Teacher's Report*

### *Update from Fiona Murphy (SOA Results)*

- Fiona provided an overview of the SQA results from 2019. She explained how staff use the 'Insight' Benchmarking tool to review pupil performance in relation to Virtual Comparator schools. S5 pupils are performing well in relation to their Virtual comparators, while there is some room for improvement with S4.
- A key priority will be to offer a tailored curriculum so that pupils can progress and achieve their best results. There will also be a clear focus on raising attainment with S6 pupils because of close monitoring and tracking.

### *Update from Keith Chaplin (Pupil Equity Funding)*

- Keith provided an overview of the Pupil Equity Funding initiative.
- The key focus has been on improving pupils' literacy and numeracy levels as well as enhancing pupils' health and wellbeing.
- In order to improve pupils' literacy levels, staff have been involved in a moderation collaborative with other schools in the East Kilbride learning community. Early interventions such as the IDL Literacy programme have allowed pupils to improve their literacy levels.
- In terms of numeracy development, pupils have been involved in the NOTOSH design-thinking project. Pupils have also been accessing the 'Sumdog' computer programme to raise their attainment in numeracy.
- In order to enhance pupil wellbeing, pupils have been involved in initiatives such as the Leadership Academy and the Achieve group. Staff have been offering one-to-one support and there is a designated nurture post. Staff have been trained in mental health first aid and bereavement counselling via the Seasons for Growth initiative.

## *7. Correspondence*

- No new correspondence.

## *8. AOCB*

- Christmas fundraiser TBC.

## *Date for next meeting*

Tuesday 12<sup>h</sup> November 2019, 6.45PM, Conference Room