

**Caldergleng High School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th September 2019**

In attendance:

Andrew Brawley – Chair

Susan McKenzie – Treasurer/ Vice Chair

Val Dray – Parent Member

Hannah Shanks – Parent Member

Gillian Hanna – Parent Member

Murray Stewart – DHT

Elaine Innes – Clerk

Councillor Graham Scott

Liz White – Head Teacher

Apologies:

Colin Maybury – Parent Member

Councillor Gladys Miller

1. Welcome

- Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Hannah proposed and Gillian seconded approval of the minutes from May 2019.

2. Matters Arising

- The school has recently changed all email contacts to Glow email accounts. Andy asked if staff Glow emails could be added to the school website. Parent Council minutes for the previous session will be added to the school website via G Martin. An updated list of Parent Council members will also be added. Murray will speak to C McConville regarding a Glow contact email for the Parent Council.
- Members confirmed that the 2nd Tuesday of every month was still suitable for meetings. Andy will speak to office staff to confirm dates for the new session.

- Susan proposed that the uploading of minutes to the school website be a standing agenda item. Members will check that the Parent Council section of the website is up-to-date at the next meeting.
- Liz advised that the school calendar would be made available when it has been finalised.

3. Head Teacher's Report

- Murray provided a brief update on the recent SQA exam diet. The Chief Invigilator provided very positive feedback about the conduct of pupils.
- Staff are ensuring that pupils are accredited for additional qualifications.
- Exam results will be released on 6th August.
- Murray recently attended an SQA conference where the focus was ensuring that courses ensure progression for young people. Staff are looking to offer dynamic courses within their subject areas. For example, we have 37 pupils undertaking the 'Lab Skills' course this session.

- Liz stated that within the Broad General Curriculum (S3) we currently offer seven subjects. As a school, it was agreed that this was the best curriculum model for our young people. This allows for a flexible approach whereby we can offer skills-based courses such as the masterclasses offered to pupils in S3.
- As well as offering more traditional core subjects, this allows pupils to experience a wider range of courses.
- As a school, we are very successful in ensuring positive destinations for our young people. This demonstrates that we are closing the gap and creating courses that provide positive pathways for young people. As a school, we are offering courses such as N5 Electronics and Personal Finance.
- Through The Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) policy, we are ensuring a rounded education and providing pupils with the experiences required to equip them for the workplace and further education.
- The Calderglen Alumni project ensures that we can keep in contact with young people and they are keen to share their experience with current pupils. For example, we have a former pupil who is going to review the school website.
- Senior leavers and staff had a very enjoyable evening at the prom that was held in Dalziel Park.
- The new timetable is underway and pupils have moved on to their new year groups. New S1 pupils will visit the school on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June.
- We have three members of staff retiring this session – two from P.E. and one from Technical. Two members of staff from the Business Education and Computing Faculty have secured new posts in other schools. Liz has secured new appointments.

4. AOCB

- Hannah will confirm the date of the next coffee morning at Claremont Church. Councillor Scott will hand in a raffle prize to the school office.

5. AGM

- Andy provided members with the Chairperson's report and Treasurer's report of accounts reviewed.
- In the new session, the Parent Council will discuss the best use of Parent Council funds.
- Andy suggested that links are made with local businesses in order to raise funds and that Easy Fundraising continues to be promoted.
- There are no proposed amendments to the constitution.
- Andy will not be serving as Chair next session. Councillor Scott thanked Andy for all his efforts during his tenure as Chair.
- Val was presented with a gift as a thank you for her long-standing service to the Parent Council.

Roles for next session

- The following roles were agreed for the new session 2019/20:
 - Chairperson – Gillian Hanna (Andy proposed, Susan seconded)
 - Vice Chair – Hannah Shanks (Andy proposed, Gillian seconded)
 - Treasurer – Susan McKenzie (Andy proposed, Gillian seconded)
 - Vice Treasurer - Sarah Kneller (Andy proposed, Hannah seconded)
 - Fundraising Co-ordinator – TBC

6. Next Meeting

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