**Campbeltown Grammar School Parent Council**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Argyll Arms Hotel

on Monday 19th August 2019 at 7pm

**1. Present:** Darlene Russell (chair), Alistair Kenny (vice chair), Steve Davies (secretary), Lindsay Kenny, Mhairi McMillan, Susan McMillan, Sharon Renton.

**2. Apologies:** Carol McEachran.

**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 June were approved, proposed by Mhairi, seconded by Susan.

**4. Matters arising:**

*(a) Primary school Parent Councils:* Contacts in Dalintober were happy to work together.

*(b) Bank account:* Paperwork for transfer was almost completed.

*(c) Awards ceremony:* It was noted that this was a good event, more brisk than in previous years.

*(d) Calton Athletic:* This service was no longer offered.

*(e) Defibrillator:* Still awaiting feedback.

*(f) Dhonna McCallum:* She would be keen to visit when dates of meetings are known.

**5. Headteacher’s report:** David was not present at the meeting.

**6. Future meeting dates:** Meetings would be held approx. once a month through the school year. Darlene would arrange a meeting with David to agree probable dates.

**7. Date and plans for AGM:** To be held in the school; the date would be either 16 or 23 September, and preceded by a Council meeting. To be advertised in the Courier as well as the school bulletin and Facebook page. Steve would work on drafting a constitution.

**8. School representation at meetings:** Parents agreed it would be valuable if other staff were present at Council meetings, in particular the two Deputy HTs.

**9. Any other business:**

*(a) Mobile phones:* It was agreed to ask David what the school’s policy is concerning pupils’ use of mobile phones during school hours.

*(b) Early exams in music:* Knowing that Nat 5 or Highers can sometimes be taken early in Languages, it was asked whether the same is possible in Music, for pupils who are already advanced in an instrument.

*(c) Study leave:* It was agreed to request a pilot study leave programme in order to have this time more structured, as is done e.g. at Oban High School.

*(d) Curriculum issues:* Concern was expressed that in some subjects last year the curriculum was not finished before the exams. Also over whether pupils are receiving good advice in subject choices. A question was raised concerning the school’s policy on maximum class size.

*(e) Visiting speaker:* It was agreed to ask again about a speaker to address parents on motivation and encouraging their children’s academic progress.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.