

**MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Monday, 7 June 2010

Present: H Ormiston (Acting Chair), A Beattie (clerk), D Smith, A Hutchison, D Barnett, F Ali, K Davidson, G Young.

Apologies: S Pryce, Cllr Swift, E Neil, V Fyfe, K Keatings, M Simpson, C Sincock, K Gibson, J Gilbert, I Cairns, A Coubrough, R Gangi, J Thomas.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting accepted on the proposal of Grant Young and seconded by Dean Smith.

2. DHT Interviews

D Barnett and C Sincock will represent the Parent Council on the interview panel. Seven candidates were chosen from 43 applicants.

3. Positive Coaching Scotland

Barry Cook, Active Schools Coordinator, would like to make a presentation to the Council. Arrangements for this will be made for new school session 2010-11.

4. Head Teacher's Report

- Update on Staffing for 2010
- School improvements / new initiatives
- Recent highlights / pupil achievements
- Calendar of events for June 2010

5. Journey to Excellence Dimension 6

Dean Smith and Parent members completed self-evaluation task.

6. AOCB

Chairperson vacancy

Stephen Pryce, the current Chairperson of the Parent Council, is finding it very difficult to carry out his role of Chairperson due to heavy work commitments. He has indicated that he would be happy to step down if any other member was prepared to take on the role. Dean Smith will e-mail members regarding vacancy.

School Show – 16, 17, 18 June

Volunteers required to help with refreshments during interval.

P7 Parents' Evening – 10 June

Helen Ormiston to liaise with Bernadette O'Donnell regarding talking to New S1 parents about the work of the PTA and recruitment of new members.

Parent Council Meetings

Liaise with cluster primary schools when arranging dates for new session to avoid meetings being held on same dates.

PTA

Quiz night was very successful, raising £980.

Last meeting for this session will be held on 8 June, where a fond farewell and special thanks will be given to Andy Sinclair for his hard work and commitment to the PTA.

7. Next Meeting to be held on Monday, 30 August 2010 at 7.00pm, in the Conference Room.