

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 26 April 2010

Present: H Ormiston (Chair), Anne Beattie (clerk), V Fyfe, K Keatings, A Coubrough, C Sincock, C Davidson, D Smith, K Gibson, B Pound, J Thomas, M Simpson, J Gilbert, G Young

Apologies: S Pryce, Cllr Swift, E Neil, A Hutchison, I Cairns, H Clark, K Davidson, I Laird, R Gangi

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of V Fyfe and seconded by C Sincock
2. **Correspondence**
Received 'Information of Parent Councils and PTA' Questionnaire – completed by H Ormiston for return to Lynda Kiernan, along with SPTC receipt.
3. **Council Chair Report**
Council Chair not present – no discussion took place.
4. **Fund Raising Sub Committee Report**
 - PTA Quiz Night – Friday, 14 May 2010
 - Raffle prizes needed
 - Fund raising suggestions – by a ticket on arrival for 'Top & Tail', £1 – good ice-breaker, 'roll the coin' – popular last year.
 - Sound System / Music – K Gibson to liaise with H Ormiston
 - Bar Supplies – may be delivered to school earlier in the day, H Ormiston to confirm.
 - Access to Kitchen – D Smith to arrange
 - Toilet Facilities – D Smith will arrange additional cleaning services before event.
 - Prize Winners – discussion took place regarding a trophy for the winning team rather than wine. Two options were suggested 1. Timpson's, at The Avenue 2. Chess Supplies.co.uk – trophy2010.co.uk – to be passed to E Neil for investigation.
 - Promoting the Evening – letters were sent out to all pupils today. Mr Smith will arrange for a text message to be sent to parents.
 - Tickets – suggestion was made that tickets should be numbered to keep track of sales. Mr Sinclair to organise.
 - Family Quiz Night – discussed possibility of a Family Quiz Night, perhaps in the autumn.
 - School Show – 16, 17, 18 June 2010
 - PTA to provide teas and coffees – volunteers required to help.
 - PTA will sell raffle tickets
5. **Head Teacher's Report – Journey to Excellence**
Parent members took part in self evaluation task organised by D Smith.
6. **AOCB**
DHT Posts – D Smith informed the Council that two posts will be advertised in June 2010 to replace Andy Sinclair, who will take up the post of Head Teacher at Barrhead High School in August and Joan Herald, who intends to retire in October. As there will be parent representation on the interview panel, Dean will email parents to ask if they have had the interview training provided by East Renfrewshire Council.
7. **Next meeting** to be held on Monday, 7 June 2010.