

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
03 September 2012

Present: J Mack (Chair), C Sincock (Vice Chair), A Beattie (Clerk), D Smith (Head Teacher), A Carter, C Devenport, E Ferguson, E Gordon, H Ormitson, L Purcell, V Shrestha, J Woods,

Apologies: D Barnett, K Gibson, Cllr Green, Cllr Swift, C McLaren, F Ali, A Coubrough

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Julie Woods and seconded by Helen Ormiston.

2. **Matters Arising**

- J Mack suggested it would be useful to parents to have the current SQA levels and new NQ qualifications on the school website. D Smith will arrange.
- School Uniform – feedback on process and outcomes discussed. Feedback will also be gathered from Parents' Evenings questionnaires.
- PE Kit – discussion took place regarding the introduction specific PE kit. To be discussed further with the possibility of this being incorporated into the uniform policy next session.

3. **Correspondence** - none

4. **Head Teacher's Report**

SQA Results

- The S4 results improved from 2011.
- We need to continue to increase the number of pupils presented at Intermediate 2 level in S4 and the number and quality of passes at Intermediate 2 level in S4.
- The S5 Higher results dropped from last year but were better than anticipated.
- The Advanced Higher results and Higher results by the end of S6 were our best ever.

Recent Highlights

- Improved standards of School Uniform
- Election of Pupil Leadership positions
- S6 Young Enterprise Scotland Team
- Wide range of school clubs

Coning up

- ESU Junior Debating Final – Scottish Parliament
- Andrew Mullen Paralympian
- Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
- AH Design exhibition
- S1 Parents' Open Evening
- S5 and S6 Parents' Curriculum Evening
- 1500th Green Flag Presentation
- Senior Awards Ceremony
- S1 Fun Run

5. **Finance Update** – Louise Mooney did not attend meeting. Will agenda for next meeting.

6. **PTA**

- Arranged for Sainsbury's to provide juice and crisps for the Paralympian Party on Friday 7 September
- Sing-a-long with a Sound of Music – Friday 5 October 2012
- New members required.
- Help from S6 pupils discussed
- Flyer for PTA/Parent Council to be designed and sent to A Beattie who will arrange for printing

- Advertising on website, pupil newsletter and sending texts discussed

7. AOB

- New membership discussed
- A Beattie to update members database