

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 1 February 2011

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**Present:** D Smith, A Beattie (clerk), A Coubrough, K Davidson, C Devenport, V Fyfe, K Gibson, J Gilbert, L McIntosh, H Ormiston, C Sincock,

**Apologies:** S Pryce, A Carter, E Ferguson, J Woods, R Gangi

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1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Helen Ormiston and seconded by Valerie Fyfe.
2. **Matters Arising** - none
3. **Correspondence**  
School Handbook Consultation – Engagement Events  
Consultation ends 14 March 2011.
4. **Payments 4 Schools**  
Eleanor Wills, Senior Admin Officer for Mearns Cluster gave a presentation on the facility for Parents to pay for school meals and school trips online.
5. **Head Teacher's Report**

- Charities Week

The table below shows how the funds raised during Charities Week were distributed. The pupils from each House choose the charity they wished to be involved with.

House	CHARITY	PERCENTAGE	MONEY
	Prince and Princess of Wales	30%	£2,250
Balmoral	Help The Heroes	10%	£750
Caledonia	Cancer Research	10%	£750
Gleneagles	Yorkhill Hospital	10%	£750
Ramsey	Cancer Research & Yorkhill Hospital	10%	£750
Sutherland	Help for Heroes	10%	£750
Wallace	Cancer Research	10%	£750
	Malawi	10%	£750

- Recent Highlights

- House Cup donated by Marilyn Dagleish
- £2000 to UCare Foundation appeal for Pakistan Flood
- Modern Languages students to cinema for National Schools' Film Week
- YES Hallowe'en Ball
- Swimming success in Renfrewshire and Scottish Schools' Championships
- Rugby Trip to Murrayfield for Scotland v All Blacks
- School Concert Band Gold Award at NCBF Scottish Finals
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Boys Lacrosse Team
- S1/S2 Poetry Competition

- S4 Prelim Exams
  - International School Award
  - Mathonaire
  - The S-Factor
  - Winter Concert
  - 3 School Dances
  - Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal
  - UCAS Applications completed
  - School Radio Club
  - Art Exhibition in Eastwood Theatre
  - 4 Nations Maths Challenge
- Coming Up
    - Football trip to Newcastle v Arsenal
    - Steel Band
    - S5/S6 prelim Exams
    - S5 Paris Trip
  - Standards & Quality Report – issued to members. Also available on school website.
  - ERC Budget Proposals – Ian Laird, represented the Parent Council at a recent focus group. Results of consultation will be available on 10 February 2010.

## 6. AOCB

- **PTA**
  - Quiz Night 13 May 2011 – D Smith will ask Cluster to advertise in their newsletters.
  - Honours Board to be donated by PTA – still sourcing.
  - Arrangements to be made for Steve Sorley to replace Andy Sinclair as signatory.
- **Parent Focus Groups** – Preparations still ongoing. Dean Smith will keep Council informed.
- **Electronic Parent Newsletter** – positive response

7. **Next meeting** - Date to be arranged for March, after consultation with Stephen Pryce.