

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 12 May 2014

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**Present:** D Barnett (Chair), C Sincock (Vice Chair), D Smith (Head Teacher), A Beattie (clerk), I Clark, C Devenport, E Ferguson, S Hale, L McGrouther, P Nicol, L Purcell (PTA Chair), A Rose, G Stewart, J Thomson, S Wallace, J Woods

**Apologies:** C Dearie, Cllr Green, A Blair, K Borland

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**1. Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of L Purcell and seconded by P Nicol

**2. Matters Arising:**

- Parking Issues and Traffic Congestion: Cllr Swift has raised the concerns discussed at last meeting with the Authority. The Roads Department intend to submit information regarding traffic implications as part of the consultation on the new Campus.

**3. Correspondence**

- Equalities Forum Meeting – emailed to members.

**4. Parents' Meeting Online Booking System – Marcus Fields**

- Jim McKenna introduced Marcus, who gave a presentation on the proposed Online booking system for making Parents' Meeting appointments
- Positive feedback was received from members
- It is intended that Mearns Castle will use the online system next session
- Members were issued with a 'Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments'

**5. Vice Chair**

- David Barnett thanked Caroline for all her efforts over the years
- David asked members to contact Anne Beattie with any notes of interest in the vacant post

**6. Parent Council Constitution**

- To be discussed at next meeting

**7. Head Teachers' Report**

Staffing Matters

- Ann Hastie, PT Modern Languages, retiring
- Caroline Goodwin, PT Pupil Support Pastoral, resigned
- 0.5fte PT Development vacancy
- Ian Oliphant, Teacher of Chemistry, retiring
- Janette McConville, Teacher of Maths, retiring
- 0.6fte Science Technician starting in June

Some Recent Highlights

- Wallace House won the House Cup
- Presentation of House Charity cheques
- Successful Spring Concert
- S4/5/6 Leavers' Ceremonies

- SQA Exams
- S3 Exam diet
- Scottish Education Awards – Literacy and Numeracy
- Walk to School Week

### Coming Up

- S3 Interdisciplinary ‘Headliner’ event
- S1/S2 Sports days
- P7 Induction Days
- Inservice Day 5
- New Timetable
- British Council delegation from Delhi
- Scottish Education Awards – Literacy and Numeracy
- S6 Prom
- School Show ‘Grease’
- Junior Awards Ceremonies
- Convener’s Outstanding Awards Ceremony
- UPBEAT Day Out

### **8. Finance Update**

- Julie Woods gave an update on the PTA Funds
- S Hale to organise bids from school

### **9. PTA Update / Quiz Night**

- Tickets sales – some tickets sold by members and school office.
- Another text will be sent to parents advertising Quiz Night
- D Barnett will provide napkins and table cloths
- Members attending the Quiz Night will provide bar service on a rota basis

### **10. AOB**

- Chris Devenport informed the Council that he would be standing down as his son has now completed S6. Chris was thanked for his support to the Council.
- David Barnett asked members to encourage new S1 Parents to join the Council.
- Discussion took place regarding a more prominent PTA presence at school events. This would hopefully encourage new members and help promote the PTA.
- Caroline Sincock commented on the positive feedback she had received regarding the S6 Leavers’ Ceremony.
- Next meeting Monday, 25 August 2015, in the Conference Room. Dates for the rest of the session will be agreed at this meeting.