

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
19 September 2011

Present: Stephen Pryce (Chair), Anne Beattie (clerk), Dean Smith, Andrew Cater, Eilidh Ferguson, Valerie Fyfe, Jon Mack, Lewis McIntosh, Helen Ormiston, Michael Simpson, Caroline Sincock, J Woods, Linda McGrouther, Jane Bond, Caitlin McLaren, Laura Purcell.

Apologies: Andrew Hutchison, Hilary Clark, Cllr Swift, Angela Coubrough, Brenda Pound

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Caroline Sincock and seconded by Julie Woods.
2. **Matters Arising** – none
3. **Welcome to New Members**
4. **Correspondence**
 - Letter from East Renfrewshire Council regarding Decriminalised Enforcement of Parking – Consultation Request.
5. **Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Vacancies**
 - Jon Mac elected as Chairperson
 - Caroline Sincock elected as Vice Chairperson
6. **School Uniform – Dressing for Excellence**
 - Members were issued with Revised Standard Circular No 6 – School Uniform: Dressing for Excellence.
 - Consultation on School Uniform Policy will take place with Parents, Pupils and Staff, between now and May 2012, with a view to any amendments to the policy being introduced in the new session 2012-2013.
7. **Draft School Improvement Plan Session 2011-2012**
 - Members were issued with Draft School Improvement Plan.
 - Members asked to email any comments to Head Teacher before final version is issued.
8. **Head Teacher's Report**
 - SQA Exam Results Analysis discussed
 - New Staffing: F. Glen – Art (p/t temp), M. Stringer – Technical (p/t temp), J. Clark – Maths, L. Gavienas – Maths (temp), S. Ross – Mod Langs (job-share), N. Evans – Music, 4 NQTs
 - Recent Highlights - Election of Pupil Leadership positions, Senior Awards Ceremony, Adopt an Olympian, S6 Young Enterprise Scotland Team, S5 and S6 Parents' Curriculum Evenings, S3 Business Education pupils to Coca Cola Education Centre, Famous moments in Lego is back, World Challenge Peru practice expedition, Celebration Concert, Oxbridge Debating Workshop, UCAS Oxbridge presentation, Scottish Learning Festival – Connecting Classrooms, Wide range of school clubs, Lacrosse continues to grow – flagship school
 - Coming Up - S1 Fun Run/Non Uniform Day, School Photographs, S1 Parents' Open Evening, Careers Fair
9. **AOCB**
 - Co-opted members – Stephen Pryce and Helen Ormiston
 - Cyber Bullying – Parents should contact school if they have any issues/concerns
10. **Next Meeting** to be held on Monday 7 November 2011 at 7.00 pm