

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

28 March 2011

Present: Dean Smith, Andrew Carter, Farhat Ali, Calire Davidson, Chris Devenport, Valerie Fyfe, Ruquia Gangi, John Mack, Liz Neil, Helen Ormiston, Brenda Pound, Julie Woods, Jennifer Gilbert

Apologies: Stephen Pryce, Caroline Sincock, Kenny Gibson, Andy Hutchison, Eilidh Ferguson, Michael Simpson, Angela Coubrough, Lewis McIntosh

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Valerie Fyfe and seconded by Jennifer Gilbert
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - The forthcoming Quiz Evening will be discussed by the fundraising committee following this meeting.
 - Honours Board being sourced
3. **Correspondence** – none
4. **Head Teacher's Report**

Recent events

- HMIe feedback seems positive and looking forward to receiving full report. MCHS were inspected under the new pilot and the full report will be published online on 26th April. A link to the site will be in the next Parents' Newsletter.
- European Youth Parliament – pupils debated in French
- Continued strength in debating both juniors and seniors. A consultant was invited to the school last month and spent the day with pupils showing them how to go further
- Burns Supper hosted by the Hospitality class was a great success
- UK senior maths challenge. One of our pupils reached the last 100 out of 65,000
- Advanced Higher French class trip to Paris was very successful
- Pupils took part in Mini Trials
- Lacrosse – 7/11 selected for the under 19s. Mr Wyroslawski has secured a grant of £2,000
- Cross Country successes
- Mr Davis carried out a Counter Terrorist work shop with senior pupils
- Library celebrated World Book Day
- One of our pupils was chosen as Young Musician of the Year
- Junior and Senior steel bands newly established
- House assemblies will take place tomorrow and 80 pupils are to be awarded school colours
- Young Enterprise Sow Good won 5 out of 7 awards and now go on to the National Finals

Forthcoming events

- S3 Exams Start on 26th April
- SQA Exams start on 12th May
- New Timetable is being prepared
- Summer Concert will be held on 8th June
- ERC Talent Show to raise funds for Malawi Charity
- P7 Induction Programme is under way
- 2nd UPBEAT Big Day out being planned for the end of term
- Several foreign trips planned for the last week of term

5. AOCB

- Mrs Ormiston discussed the forthcoming PTA Quiz Evening on Friday 13th May – teams of up to 6 people needed. Last year's event raised £500 and it is hoped that raffle prizes will be donated. Further discussion will take place following this meeting.

6. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 23 May in room E1