

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
30 January 2012

Present: J Mack (Chair), C Sincock (Vice Chair), A Beattie (Clerk), D Smith (Head Teacher), F Ali, J Bond, C Devenport, K Gibson, L McGrouther, L McIntosh, C McLaren, H Ormiston, L Purcell, J Woods, D Barrett

Apologies: K Davidson, S Pryce, V Fyfe, A Carter, Cllr Green, E Gordon

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Julie Woods and seconded by Eilidh Helen Ormiston.
2. **Matters Arising** – please see Agenda item 5
3. **Correspondence**
 - J Mack received a copy of the Public Performance Report – copies available on request.
4. **Head Teacher's Report** – please see link below for full presentation on Curriculum for Excellence and new National Qualifications:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/MearnsCastle/files/2011/10/S1CurricularEveningHTJan12.pdf>
5. **Feedback from Parent Council Statement – Agreement on the way forward**
 - 25 members responded to e-mails
 - At this point 16 members wish to be active members, 3 members wish to resign and 6 members wish to remain on distribution list for copies of minutes and actions
 - 24 members have not yet responded
 - Discussion took place and it was decided that a text would be sent to members who have not yet responded, asking them to contact Anne Beattie at the school. If no response is received after two weeks of sending text then the Council would be of the assumption that said members wished to resign.
 - As regards to trying to make the Council more visible, a parent has volunteered to take photographs of the Council members. Arrangement will be put in place for this to take place at the next meeting.
 - Anne Beattie to ensure new Parent Council e-mail address is on school website as well as dates of meetings for this session.
 - D Smith informed the Council that the school have purchased a notice board for the purpose of displaying any Parent Council and PTA matters. This can be displayed at any school events for parents to see.
6. **AOB**
 - Discussion took place regarding access to information on school website. It was decided that it would be helpful to have a section for 'Letters home'. D Smith will arrange for this to be added to the site.
 - Julie Woods apologised for the late cancellation of the Mamma Mia evening due to weather conditions. The evening will be re-scheduled – date to be confirmed.