

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10 September 2007

Present: Mr D Smith, Mr I Laird, Mrs M Duthie, Mrs E Cohen, Mrs S Smith, Mr I Kilmurray, Mrs H Ormiston, Mr S Pryce, Mr D Barnett, Mr K Gibson, Mr P Fletcher, Mr A Sinclair, Mrs F Fyfe, Mrs V Fyfe, Mrs A Lovatt

Apologies: Mr I Cairns, Mr A Bear, Mr D McPhail-Smith, Mr R Gimby

Mr Barnett as Interim Acting Chairperson opened the meeting and explained that Mr Graham the Interim Chairperson has in fact resigned as he no longer had children at the school.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs Cohen and seconded by Mr Pryce.

Mr Barnett ran through the constitution for those present who had not attended previous meeting.

It was decided that Councillors should be invited to subsequent meetings

2. Election of Office Bearers

Mr Barnett elected as Chairperson – nominated by Mr Pryce and Me Kilmurray

Mr Pryce elected as Vice Chairperson

Mrs Duthie elected as Treasurer

Mrs Cohen elected as Fundraising Committee (PTA) Chair

Mrs Dalgleish and Mr McPhail-Smith nominated as co-opted members

Mr Gibson, Mr Cairns and Mr Sinclair nominated as teacher members

Mrs Wolfson was asked and agreed to continue as clerk

Two pupils are to be asked to join as members

Mr Fletcher asked if any other sub-committees should be formed to support the Head Teacher and Mr Smith replied that the Parent Council was created to this end and if sub-committees are required they can be formed in the future.

3. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were passed to Mr Barnett and he gave Mr Fletcher “Parents as Partners” literature to look at and report back at next meeting.

There was also a letter from the Authority sent out to parents showing their support.

4. Head Teacher’s Report

Mr Smith said that there had been a good start to the term. The Senior Management Team have been out and about in classes and this practice will continue.

The work started during the summer through the school is almost complete.

At the next meeting Mr Smith will give the Council a presentation on exam results.

A written copy of his report will be made available at every meeting.

5. AOCB

Mr Fletcher asked Mr Smith if he had any plans for changes to be made to the school and Mr Smith replied that he is using this first term as an observation period. Mearns Castle

is already a very good school but he intends working towards making it better and there is no reason why it could not become one of the best state schools in Scotland

6. Date of next meeting

7. The next meeting will take place on 22nd October at 7pm. It was agreed that Mrs Wolfson would distribute minutes to Mr Barnett and Mrs Cohen who in turn would forward to others.