

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

1 December 2008

Present: H Ormiston, G Elliot, G Young, K Davidson, Cllr Swift, A Hutchison, I Cairns, S Pryce, D Barnett, D Smith, C Devenport, A Coubrough, P Fletcher, R Gangi, K Keatings, C Sincock

Apologies: D McPhail-Smith, I Laird, K Gibson, F Zaman, V Fyfe, K Devenport, N Farnham

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (amendments/adoption)

Minutes of the previous minute adopted on the proposal of Mr D Barnett and seconded by Mr K Davidson

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Date of bagpacking – no dates available till the Spring.

3. Correspondence

- from Attendance Council for Barrhead who do not have enough parents for a panel and need more volunteers
- Views of Parents & Parent Councils looking for returns on whether a national council is needed

4. Andy Davis – Campus Officer

Mr Davis introduced himself and gave a brief background of his career. He explained that ERC are keen to have campus officers and will introduce to all high school in due course. He also visits pupils in the primary schools in the cluster and even the nursery where younger children will become used to seeing a Police Officer around and grow confident with his presence.

A brief question and answer session followed mainly on what duties he had been involved in to date (internet safety, drug awareness, meeting pupils in classes) and what challenges are foreseen/reason why ERC want campus officers. He explained that officers have an impact not only on the school but the wider community.

5. Fund Raising Sub Committee Report

School show – Mrs Ormiston asked for volunteers to help with serving of refreshments. She also stated that prizes for the raffle would be much appreciated. It was agreed that there is a need to advertise fundraising by setting up a stand at parents' meetings

6. Workshops – Values, Visions and Aims

Workshop tasks discussed at last meeting – staff/pupil council/ DHT/ school captains have gone through procedures of Values Visions and Aims. This could be put on the website and extended to wider group of parents.

Staff and pupils left the meeting and left parent member to discuss the tasks of V V & A

7. DONM

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 January 2009