

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE PARENT CONCIL MEETING

Monday 17th March 2008

Present: D Barnett, K Keatings, V Fyfe, S Smith, F Zaman, E Cohen, D McPhail-Smith, H Orton, G Elliot, I Cairns, G Stewart, S Pryce, B O'Donnell, Cllr Swift, M Duthie, F Fyfe, P Fletcher, A Sinclair, R Gangi, A Lovatt, D Smith, K Gibson

Apologies: I Laird, M Dalglish, L Neil, I Kilmurray, J Ruddock, C Davidson

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of meeting on 28 January adopted on the proposal of F Fyfe and seconded by H Orton

2. Matters arising

Presentation to parents on Internet Safety will be held on 27th March

3. AifL

Mrs O'Donnell DHT gave a brief background and her involvement in AifL used from Primary through to Secondary. Mr Gordon Stewart, gave a presentation on Assessment & Strategies used in Mearns Castle, explained use of traffic lights, whiteboards, comments only marking, exit questioning. MCHS further forward than other schools in Authority and staff in this school have embraced AifL and have involved themselves in workshops etc.

Discussion followed on how to communicate this information to parents. It was agreed that the best time would be to present it to the parents of new S1 pupils. Mr Fletcher suggested using workshops and Mrs Orton having a presentation at all Parents' Meetings.

4. Correspondence

- SPCA asking schools to join. H Orton attended meeting with Rona Kennedy when Parent Councils were asked for feedback on what Parent Councils wanted ie helpline, access to the views of other councils. ERC will feed information back to the government
- Local Attendance council – names sought for members to join.

5. PTA sub committee report

- Mrs Duthie has resigned as Treasurer and Mr Davidson will take over. Accepted on the proposal of Mrs F Fyfe and seconded by Mrs Duthie. Books will be audited and details passed on. Mr Sinclair thanked Mrs Duthie for all her hard work as Treasurer.
- Bag packing funds – a cheque will be written out to the school.
- Brief discussion took place on how best to use funds and it was agreed that as in the past the PTA would liaise with the Senior Management Team to decide

6. Head Teacher's Report

Mr Smith was delayed in arriving at the meeting due to his attendance at the Scottish Basketball finals in Edinburgh where the school's team was successful. His report is attached.

7. AOCB

- Mr Fletcher and Mr Pryce will discuss together how best to publicise information to parents.
- Mr Cairns asked for suggestion for items to be placed on the school's website. It was suggested that there should be a highlighted section "Latest News" and a "Special Dates" section

8. Next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May at 7pm in the Conference Room in the school.