

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

31 August 2009

Present: H Ormiston, D Smith, G Young, J Gilbert, Cllr Swift, P Fletcher, K Gibson, K Davidson, V Fyfe, S Pryce, A Coubrough, R Gangi, C Davidson

Apologies: C Sincock, D Barnet, E Neil, C Devenport, J Ruddock, I Cairns

1. Welcome to Parents

H Ormiston welcomed parents who had accepted invitation to attend and explained the function of the Parent Council since its inception in 2007.

- A PTA sub-group was formed for fundraising
- Meetings occur approximately 6 times a year
- Various speakers address the Council ie Campus Officer, Active Schools coordinator, Internet security
- Types of discussions which take place
 - School plans
 - new qualification
 - feedback to Scottish Executive, whether a Parent Council body needs to be set up
 - Homework on school website
 - Inquizitor being set up by J McKenna and I Phillips
 - Plans for new S1
 - How to spend fundraising money

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (amendments/adoption)

Accepted

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- Election of new Chairperson – Stephen Pryce has taken on the position nominated by K Davidson and seconded by R Gangi. Mrs H Ormiston will remain on the council as a co-opted member
- New S5 Pupil member – Jennifer Gilbert

4. Correspondence

- Learning and Teaching planner
- Parent Council events information
- National Parents Conference looking for a parent representative for November 09
- DVD Promoting Parental Partnerships – available on Parentzone website
- Dates for next Chair meeting

5. Head Teacher's Report

- Mr Smith welcomed new parent and pupil members
- Brief presentation on recent exam results
- Many things happening in new term which will be reported in the next Parents' Newsletter
- New introduction of tracking reports to monitor pupils' progress
- Improvement targets for 2009-2010
- ACfE preparation for new S1 in 2010
- Further develop current strategies for recognising and celebrating attainment and achievement
- Mr Smith, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mrs Ormiston for the professional and graceful way she has conducted her post as chair.

6. AOCB

I Laird asked what form uniform should take. The basic requirements should avoid excess of fashion.

P Fletcher asked for a clearer remit and role of Parent Council to be drawn up. It was decided that this would be discussed at the next meeting to identify possible roles.

7. DONM

Monday 19th October 2009 at 19.00hrs in the Contemplation room.