

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
11 June 2012

Present: J Mack (Chair), C Sincok (Vice Chair), A Beattie (Clerk), D Smith (Head Teacher), D Barnett, J Bond, K Davidson, C Devenport, L McGrouther, C McLaren, H Ormitsotn, L Purcell, J Woods, L Mooney

Apologies: C Davidson, K Gibson, Cllr Green, Cllr Swift, E Gordon, E Ferguson

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of Jane Bond and seconded by Julie Woods.

2. **Matters Arising** – none

3. **Correspondence**

- Parent Council Chairs Meeting – attended by David Barnett
- Parenting Strategy & National Parent Forum Newsletter – questionnaire to be completed by parents by 22 June 2012 available on ERC website and school website. D Smith informed the council that ten pupils from the school would be taking part in a focus group on 18 June regarding Parenting Strategy.

4. **Head Teacher's Report**

In Service Days

- In addition to the five In Service Days scheduled for next session there are two additional Curriculum for Excellence In Service Days on 7 February 2013 and 29 May 2013.

Updates

- School Uniform
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Anti-bullying Policy

Recent Highlights

- We have been awarded an Eco Schools Green Flag
- Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions
- Carnegie Award Library Book Group
- 'Headliner' S3 interdisciplinary event
- U-15 Football team won St Mirren Cup
- 'Free Your Feet' Walk to School Week event
- Equestrian Team 6th at Scottish Schools event
- Rapid Response S1 interdisciplinary event
- S3 team won the Eastwood Crime Prevention Panel Inter School quiz
- S6 pupil 2nd in Scottish Schools' Pentathlon Championships
- S4/5/6 Leavers' Ceremonies
- PTA Quiz Night
- MCHS Plaque
- Mearns Kirk Bi-centenary Art Competition
- S3 Hospitality classes to Peckham's Cookery School
- S2 pupils involved in Greenbank House/Slavery History project with the Mearns History Club
- Dining Hall hosted a Diamond Jubilee Street Party
- S1 and S2 Sports Days
- Start of new timetable

Coming Up

- UK Clinical Aptitude Tests – Medicine or Dentistry
- Show on Pulse FM radio tomorrow
- S6 Prom
- Scottish Schools' Team Swimming Competition
- 'What about Us' School Show
- Convener's Outstanding Awards Ceremony

- Presentation of House Cup
- Various Trips – Watersports, Peru, Paris, London
- UPBEAT Day Out

5. PTA Update

- PTA Quiz Night raised £765. The money raised will be used to buy six outdoor benches for the school.
- Dates to be arranged for next session for Sing-a-long Evening and Quiz Night

6. New Members for Next Session – Jon asked members if they knew of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member next session, especially new S1 parents.

7. Dates for Next Session

- Monday 3 September 2012
- Monday 22 October 2012
- Monday 3 December 2012

8. Accounts Sign Off

- Ken Davidson issued Accounts for Session 2011-2012
- Louise Mooney was introduced as a new member. Ken will liaise with Louise and make arrangements for her to take over the role of Treasurer for the Council for the new session.

9. AOB

- Jon and Dean thanked the members for their support this session.