

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
Date: Monday 10 December 2018

Present: K Vallance (Vice chair), D Smith (Head Teacher), A Beattie (Secretary), Cllr C Bamforth, A Blair, C Dearie, L Donaldson, S Hussain, R Lalli, E Morrison, I Phillips, A Rose, J Scott,

Apologies: S Pryce (Chair), J Thomson, E Ferguson, J Wong

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of C Dearie and seconded by K Vallance

2. **Matters Arising:**

- Removal of Lollipop person at junction of Old Mearns Road and Eaglesham Road – response received, as detailed under Correspondence.
- Gym Equipment – see Finance Update

3. **Correspondence:**

- Response on 9 November 2018 from ERC Environment Department regarding Mearns Road/Eaglesham Road junction was forwarded by email to Parent Council members. The email included information that a series of pedestrian refuge islands would be installed on Eaglesham Road. It is anticipated that the improvements will be implemented by the end of March 2019.

4. **Head Teachers Report**

- Advancing Equity and Excellence – D Smith gave a detailed presentation on the school's strategies for advancing equity and excellence:
 - Flexible Curriculum Pathways
 - High quality Learning Experiences
 - High Quality Outcomes for all pupils

The Senior Management Team will meet with an ERC Head of Service and members of the Quality Improvement Team on 20 December to discuss these strategies.

5. **Finance Update:**

- A Rose confirmed a Bank Balance of £4381.00
- PTA agreed to fund equipment for the school gym - Air Bike £1081.50 and Rowing Machine £888.00.
- S1 Pencil Cases – in previous years the PTA have funded the purchase of Pencil Cases for S1 Pupils. Discussion took place regarding no longer purchasing pencil cases but instead providing funds for another project e.g. the purchase of French dictionaries. D Smith will discuss with the Principal Teacher of Modern Languages.

6. **PTA Update:**

- PTA Quiz Night – raised £1983.00.
- Fund Raising Suggestions - discussion took place regarding the possibility of another annual event taking place to raise funds. Council members will think of potential fundraising ideas to bring to the next meeting.

7. **AOB:**

- **Date of next meetings:** 4 February 2019, 18 March 2019 and 13 May 2019