

MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 29 October 2018

Present: S Pryce (Chair), K Vallance (Vice chair), D Smith (Head Teacher), A Beattie (Secretary), A Blair, C Dearie, L Donaldson, E Gray, S Hussain, A Ishaq, E Morrison, I Phillips, A Rose, J Scott, J Wong

Apologies: Cllr C Bamforth, J Thomson, E Ferguson

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** accepted on the proposal of C Dearie and seconded by A Rose
2. **Matters Arising:**
 - AOB – Removal of Lollipop person at junction of Old Mearns Road and Eaglesham Road – still awaiting response from ERC.
 - D Smith will identify the S5/S6 pupils for membership of the Parent Council by the next meeting.
 - S5 Pupil Member – Daniel O'Brien
 - D Smith asked the PTA if they would be able to help fund equipment for the school gym which pupils use on a daily basis during lunchtime and after school (air bike and rowing machine approx. £2000).
3. **Correspondence:**
 - Consultation regarding Secondary Schools being used as Polling Stations. Will be discussed at next Head Teachers' Meeting.
4. **Head Teachers Report**
 - Tracking Attainment by Gender – D Smith shared SQA Exam results which highlighted the attainment gap between girls and boys. MCHS has procedures in place to track pupils' progress and intervene where necessary. We particularly track our interventions by gender in an attempt to raise Boys' attainment and to reduce the attainment gap between girls and boys. These interventions are designed to improve outcomes for all pupils.
 - School Events –
 - Education Department Collaborative Improvement Visits – English Department
 - Charities Week 29 Oct – 2 Nov
 - Opening of new Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice – 30 OctoberOne of the bedrooms at the hospice has been named the Mearns Castle High School Bedroom in acknowledgement of all the money raised, over many years, by our pupils and staff.
5. **Finance Update:**
 - A Rose confirmed a Bank Balance of £2,370.55.
6. **PTA Update:**
 - PTA Quiz Night – 16 November 2018, commencing at 7pm – tickets on sale via online shop and school office.
 - Fund Raising Suggestions – Ask local businesses to sponsor a table or a round at the Quiz Night, arrange another annual event.
7. **AOB:**
 - **Date of next meetings:** 10 December 2018, 4 February 2019, 18 March 2019, 13 May 2019