

PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2014

L Scott, Chair Person
A Smith, Vice Chair
J Nicol, Treasurer
M Forbes, Secretary
D Black, Parent
A Carroll, Parent
L Cullen, Parent
L Davidson, Parent
U Hudak, Parent
L Hutcheson, Parent
A Innes, Parent
G Juba, Parent
Emma Keyes, Parent
S Marshall, Parent
L McCann, Parent
K McKinnell, Parent
S McLellan, Parent
S Ralph, Parent
F Shepherd, Parent
D Toye, Parent
M Cairns, Head Teacher
M Sweeney, Clerk

Welcome

GJ welcomed the group and introductions were held.

The meeting commenced with the review of the draft Constitution which had been issued to the Parent Forum for perusal. A couple of amendments were recommended and accepted has been amended. It was agreed by 90% of the parent forum who had responded that the maximum no of members of the Parent Council remain at 20.

It was recommended that any parent of a 6th year pupil should not be allowed to become a member of the Parent Council in view of ease of e.g. changing Bank account signatories however this was voted against. Twenty names from the Parent Forum were put forward to become Parent Council members and therefore no ballot was necessary. The new members are detailed above. The new members adopted the Constitution which will be amended and placed on the school website.

Office Bearers

There were three nominees for Chair. A ballot took place and Lisa Scott was successful. There were two nominees for Vice Chair, again a ballot took place and Audrey Smith was successful. Janice Nicol was nominated to be Treasurer and accepted the position. Margaret Forbes was nominated and accepted the position as secretary.

Interim Parent Council

The IPC was duly dissolved and thanks was received from the floor regarding the work they had carried out.

Head Teacher's Report

MC distributed his report, ahead of putting it onto the school's website. He advised that he felt humbled by all the support he has had from the Parent Forum, Staff and all the young people of the school and in turn expressed his thanks. Much of the content of the report would normally be available to staff only however MC felt that he wants the content to be available to Parents and pupils so that there will be no

surprises come school report time, HME reporting etc. He also acknowledged the hard work carried out by the Senior Management Team throughout the summer break in order to ensure that procedures were in place for staff thus ensuring a seamless process for the new school community. MC looking at such issues as improving school attendance and late coming. Late coming is a big issue and recently 52 pupils were identified as being responsible for 90% of the late coming figures. Plans are being put into place to address this. Persistent late comers will be given detention at break and or lunch time. He will be addressing litter issues with the community. The school website has been a success and Parents happy with the information available there. Having no registration has caused issues in getting information issued via school bags however personal support classes held on a Tuesday and Thursday will now be used to distribute any communication to pupils/parents. Information is now also being sent via text. MC open to any suggestions from the group of any ways in which to improve communication.

Improvements have been made to the school building aesthetically and has been well received. The 6th year common room has yet to be completed.

Some excavation work has been carried out on the pitches in relation to the new building. Completion of the building will be no earlier than late 2016. Once the architect drawing has been received it will be put on the website albeit school/ parent body will have little input.

MC was asked whether any changes to the car park would be made as lots of surface water. MC doesn't think so but this may become more of an issue when weather changes rain/frost and when other car parks throughout the school cannot be used. A zebra crossing is now in place at the Kildrum gate and one is in place within the yard together with yellow lines for walkway. The group raised concerns about a blind spot with trees and feel that the entrance is very tight. MC suggested that they meet with Iain Morrison who is responsible for Health & Safety.

MC also advised that the Senior Management Team are out in the yard first thing to discourage people from walking up and down from the main gate.

All staffing is in place plus 3 additional FTE to assist with amalgamation.

A monitoring system is now in place to advise parents of any concerns prior to the school report being issued.

The Focus on 5 policy is now on the website. MC aware that this may not be written in Parent friendly language but will take this forward.

Date of Next Meeting

There should be at least 1 meeting a term for the Cumbernauld Academy Parent Council.

Wednesday 22nd October 6.30pm.