**Coltness High Parent Council**

**Tuesday 29th August 2017**

Welcome

The chairperson Ms Strachan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Mr McGilp (HT), Mr Farr, Mr Waddell, Ms Strachan, Mrs Taylor, Cllr McKendrick and Cllr Roarty, Cllr McManus, Mrs McGowan, Mr Cameron, Mrs Hoey, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Sneddon, Mrs Hooper, Mrs Walker, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Nicol and Mrs Hendry.

Apologies

Mrs Rae

Approval of minutes

Ms Strachan and Mrs Walker approved the minutes from the last meeting.

Correspondence

Email from Maureen Moore listing the training sessions available for parent council members.

An information letter from an organisation called show my homework provide software to help parents and students track when homework is set and due.

An information letter from an organisation called Future AS5ET who aim to set up a conference for S5 girls.

Mr McGilp also provided the Parent Council a copy of the Indemnity Insurance for the coming year.

Matters arising from previous meeting

The Plan Bee beehive was recently vandalised, the hive was wrecked and the queen bee was lost. It will cost £300.00 to replace the hive and £40.00 to replace the bees.

The pupils involved with Plan Bee want to raise money to help meet some of these costs.

Treasurer’s Report

The P.T.A. made a donation of £300.00 for Vision Africa, leaving a closing balance of £3879.82.

Head Teacher’s report

The current school role sits at 884, this is a 20% increase in 3 years. The maximum school capacity is 923.

The school has recently welcomed a psychology teacher to the staff. This teacher is offering classes in psychology to pupils from Coltness High and partnership schools in the local area.

There were 16 pupils from partnerships schools in the school yesterday, most of these pupils were there to study for advanced highers.

Staffing: -

The school is currently short of 2.8 full time equivalent teachers.

One technical teacher who is off on maternity leave, this has been substituted with drama.

One biology teacher, substituted with physics.

One H.E. Probationer.

The original plan to print the 50th anniversary group photograph onto wall paper may not be possible due to the image size. The school is waiting on a visit from Digital Décor to assess the options.

The school has currently organised 2 trips: - the battlefield trip leaves this Saturday and the Maths trip to London is in May.

Modern languages is also trying to arrange a trip to Barcelona.

The new school timetable started in June, however it remains fluid for S5 and S6 students.

The leadership team is currently pushing uniform conformity, preventing pupils leaving the school at the break, anti-smoking checks and anti-litter checks.

Sub Committees

The PTA recently bought a new Bee suit for Plan Bee.

The PTA are holding a race night on Friday the 3rd of November in the school.

Mrs Holmes suggested getting some of the I.T. pupils to design a local trade and business booklet and approach local businesses to sell advertising.

The school has organised a sponsored walk for Wednesday the 20th.

The annual Sportsman Dinner will be held on Friday the 2nd of March, guest speakers are Jim Craig and Willie Henderson.

AOCB

Some cladding has been removed from the school building as a fire prevention precaution.

Date of Next Meeting

The A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday the 26th of September at **7.00p.m**.