**Coltness High Parent Council**

**Tuesday 26th March, 2019**

Welcome

Mr Hughes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Mr Hughes, Mr McGilp (HT), Mr Early, Mr Farr, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hoey, Mrs Wilkie, and Mrs Rae

Apologies

Mrs McGowan, Mr Cameron, Cllr Roarty and Mrs Nicol

Approval of minutes

Mrs Walker approved and Mr Early seconded the approval for the February minutes.

Correspondence

PEF report was circulated to the council members, requesting feedback where necessary. North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) also circulated an email to add “Family Learning” to tonight’s agenda.

Matters arising from previous meeting

Traffic cones have been discussed in previous meetings, however, it was felt that parking has no longer been an issue.

Treasurer’s Report

The bank balance is around £2,400.

Head Teacher’s Report

Staffing – unfortunately, there is no replacement for Mrs Bennie within Business Studies. In English, there are no staff available to cover the vacancies however, Mrs Duncan will continue to provide cover for the Higher class. Likewise, in Biology, cover continues to be provided by Mr Hardy.

Mr McGilp will be attending two mental health initiatives:

* Lifeline
* Pilot for “See Me” which is a pan-Lanarkshire program. This program will select a small group of sixth year pupils who will be trained as “train the trainers”, and then roll-out the program to the wider school. Its likely CHS will be selected as a training venue, beginning June.

The school’s football teams are now out of all competitions, with S2’s defeat in last week’s quarter finals.

Mr McGilp, Mr Early and Mr McPherson will be touring schools in the North of Scotland from 31st May to 1st June. This occurs at the same time as the St Andrew’s Hospice Ben Nevis Challenge (1st June) and precedes a Tinto Hill walk scheduled for 17th May.

S1 Induction will begin in May.

There will be mop-up training carried out after the summer holidays for any of the teachers who missed the Suicide Prevention training “Safe Talk”. In addition, the guidance teacher’s and SMT will also be undertaking the “Assist” training. It’s likely this training will be a pre-requisite for 20% of staff, so CHS will fulfil this obligation ahead of time.

Exam League Tables

Mr McGilp talked though the latest Sun newspaper league tables and highlighted a number of issues in the way the schools had been ranked. He also referenced a similar league table which was produced by the Herald, but had differing results.

Family Learning Consultative Session

Given a time over-run in the meeting, we have postponed discussion of this agenda item until April’s meeting.

Sub-Committee

There are now 4 members of the PTA – any new joiners welcomed! Regardless of the small team, a number of fund-raising events are being planned:

* Santa Dash
* Bag packing in B&M (14th June)
* Band recitals and carolling for Christmas events

AOCB

S1 will be allowed to leave the school at lunchtime after the Easter holidays.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th April, 2019, 7.30pm.