

## **Calderhead High School**

### **Parent Council Meeting**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**

#### **In Attendance:-**

Claire Whyte, Linsey Fairlie, Jennifer Hayburn, Pauline Marks, Alison Barr, Corrina Campbell, Fiona Forrest, Nana McLean, Gordon Muir, Lynn Prentice, Elaine Byrne, Maxine Paterson, John Robertson

#### **Apologies:-**

Pauline Marks

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence

#### **Head Teacher Report**

Report received prior to meeting.

John is guest speaker at the Getting Better Together AGM so comments/questions on report first to let him get away early

Confirmed that uniforms from the return visit from Academy Uniforms were received this week.

Confirmed that we have a new construction Tutor – the college going above and beyond to handle previous issues and concerns to make sure the class can run successfully.

SQA – post results service, query as to whether the results of the reviews were normal (1 out of 23 for CHS) and confirmation that it is. Costing £10 for addition of marks to be checked not seen to be worthwhile for many subjects as the marking is computerised. A remark is £30 but Maxine explained the strict marking process which explained why there are so few successful appeals.

The sports/clubs timetable was questioned as it appears last years was issued – this includes Rugby but an interested pupil was told it was not in fact running this year, John confirmed this as in previous years no matter what the school has tried there has not been enough interest.

Lynn (1<sup>st</sup> year parent) queried the time of the upcoming parents night asking if this was always the time (4.30 to 6.30) as it must be unsuitable for many working parents. Confirmed that parents evenings for all year groups are at this time – a few years previously evening parents nights were trialled however this had no impact on the number of parents attending. It was agreed that it is a good idea to include a note of the parents evening info in the P7 transition packs to give new high school parents some prior notice. Also pointed out that the school website is still showing last years Calender. Discussed possible Parent Council presence at next weeks parents night and Susan recalled preparing something previously on John's PC – John was able to find this before he had to leave, he will email to Linsey to be updated and printed.

### **Update on proposed exercise classes**

Gordon visited the school yesterday with Alan yesterday and Mr Russell took some time to show him the PE hall etc. Feeling is the gym is not suitable as we are looking at young children being involved, found that there is not too much equipment in the PE hall so he may have to get imaginative and bring some of his own equipment. He feels a 4 week trial would be best and will get back with an idea of cost for this and an idea of how many paying people he would need to commit to it as an ongoing concern. Gordon to let Linsey know when he has the info.

Susan advised that for the Zumba her friend Lynsey unfortunately has no evening availability, could only do after school on Thursday – not suitable where we are looking at families.

Linsey advised that her friend no longer teaches Clubbercise but that she has a friend who does and would be interested. Linsey will chase him up for availability and cost.

This led into talk of fundraising to pay for above.

Quiz Night 17<sup>th</sup> Nov? – Alison will look into the bowling club and Maxine will see if Jim Robertson is available – they will liaise.

Hamper – Fiona happy to put together a hamper if we can all donate. We could ask parents to donate? Sell tickets at parents nights then display and sell tickets at Christmas Fayre  
Possibility of selling tray bakes etc at parents nights

Cake stall at Christmas Fayre? Date has not yet been confirmed for this, would need to know who would be available.

Claire, Linsey and Alison have access to the PC account to post/retweet etc. Need to decide what sort of info to put out? Even if people don't follow the PC account the school will retweet so any posts should be visible to parents

### **PC at 1<sup>st</sup> year Parents Night**

As discussed earlier we will try to have a presence to talk to parents, give out leaflets, sell raffle tickets at next weeks parents night. Many of us will be in attendance with our first year pupils. Linsey will come along with Gordon and Nana possibilities

## **AOCB**

Photo taken for PC Twitter Page

Linsey brought up the monthly meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm) of the Community Council and wondered about the possibility of having school representation – possibly the Captains/Vice Captains. They could find out what is going on locally and feed back to the school – there may be projects the school would be pleased to help with. Agreed this is a good idea to take forward

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd November 2017 @ 6pm**