

Calderhead High School
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 8th December 2016

In Attendance:-

Linsey Fairlie
Claire Whyte
Susan Duncanson,
Corrina campbell
Gordon Muir
Elaine Byrne
Pauline Marks
Nana McLean
John Robertson

Apologies

- Apologies were received from Alison Barr, Fiona Forrest, Jennifer Hayburn and Maxine Paterson

Correspondence

- No Correspondence

HT Report

St Patricks' PS decant

- 23rd November until one hours notice
- Staff and Pupils from both schools have been fantastic.
- Compromise from both schools in terms of accommodation
- Shortage of suitable classrooms

S4 Parents' Night

- Attendance 54%
- Senior Management team phoned the parent or carer for every pupil in S4 prior to event

Foodbank

- S3 Modern Studies class have organised this.
- Trussel Trust.

CPR

- Four S6 girls want everyone in the school to be trained in CPR
- British Heart Foundation approached for Free Kits and programme
- Scheduled for March 2017

War Memorial

- Harthill community Council approached us and we have met twice. Not heard anything since last meeting.

Smoking

- I requested support from the Police due to complaints from householders in the area.
- Police moved pupils on a few times.

Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band Junior Piping and Drumming Championships

- Prestigious event, seven Senior Pupils acted as stewards throughout the day. Very favourable feedback both in terms of the building and Senior Pupils.

Sports Fair

- Our Sports Ambassadors wish to increase participation.

Primary Transition

- We have had an Open Night for Pupils and Parents and three transition mornings so far for P7 pupils.
- Feedback has been very positive.
- One more morning planned for next week
- Ceilidh planned for Wed 21st December.

AIG Insurance

- Calderhead HS one of the top ten buildings in the NLC portfolio

Attainment Review

- This is an annual review by NLC.
- The panel this years was a Head of Service, 2x Quality Improvement Officers, Performance Analyst, and Peer Headteacher.
- Very complimentary about the school and the progress we have made.
- Recognised we have had a difficult year.

Inset day 3

- Educational Pathways and the value in studying in each subject

Children in Need

- This provided evidence of the high quality of the education pupils receive in Calderhead.

MVP training

- Seniors had an MVP training day which we held in St Andrews Hospice.
- They will deliver the programme in the new year to S1 and S2 classes.
- We also had pupils at a major event in the tarmway on Tuesday

SEXTING

- assemblies were delivered to all year groups on Tuesday.
- The presenters were very professional and were full of praise for the behaviour of the pupils and the level of engagement.

Others

- Zoolab
- Christmas Fair
- London Trip
- Outward Bound leadership course booked for 27th-29th October 2017

During this report some concerns expressed

- While we are pleased to hear that both Calderhead and St Patricks are coping with the current situation, and with a walk through due tomorrow and it looking hopeful that the situation could be coming to an end, we would still, as parents of the High School pupils, like some sort of information/clarification on the matter as through our

children it is clear that the impact is now becoming apparent/more of an issue. Linsey will email Isobel Boyd.

- once again there is some dismay/disbelief at the low turnout for the S4 Parents night (albeit that it was higher than previous years possibly due to John and Gordon Graham actually phoning the parent/carer for every pupil to ensure they were aware of when the parents night was)What can be done to encourage parental engagement? Suggestions that things don't run to time, some teachers going over their 5 mins then unable to fit in all appointments, a bit disorganised - maybe these things are leaving parents a bit disgruntled?

Fundraising / AOCB

- Christmas Fayre raised approx £900
- Claire will email Maxine to see if she has spoken/ can speak with Jim Robertson (quizmaster) about suitable dates in March for our next quiz
- It has come to our attention that the Parent Council Constitution states that our AGM is the last meeting of the year – we were off the opinion that this had changed a few years ago to be the first official meeting of the new session however we have no record of the changes. Claire will email out the current constitution for review in order that we can discuss and agree changes at next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26 January 2017 @ 6pm