

Calderhead High School
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 26th January 2017

In Attendance:-

Linsey Fairlie
Claire Whyte
Susan Duncanson,
Corrina campbell
Gordon Muir
Elaine Byrne
Pauline Marks
Alison Barr
Jennifer Hayburn
Maxine Paterson
John Robertson

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Nana McLean

2. Correspondence

- Only correspondence received was from Maureen Moore re Parent Council training sessions

Ongoing Biology Situation

- This remains the same (0.6 biology staff instead of 2). Mr Burgess and Mrs Whale both providing cover in the department. Issue raised as one S4 class advised that the prelim would have to be changed for them as they had not covered all the topics required. John not aware of this but will look into it

Self Evaluation Exercise

- Elaine lead an exercise where on post it notes we each put our thoughts under 4 different headings:-
What is going well?
What are the issues?
What can be improved?
What are the questions?

Some discussion on issues such as :

How we can promote make people aware of the Parent Council – eg school website, leaflets or possibly an animated video. (Currently working on getting the TV screens in the open area up and running)

Identify where the Parent Council can help school (unlike primary school PCs fundraising is not required)

How we can promote a positive image of Calderhead

Elaine will collate the responses and email everyone.

We will look to discuss these at the next meeting

Constitution

- A quick discussion on the constitution led to the decision to leave it as it is. The main reason for the review was due to some members thinking it had been changed previously to change the AGM from the last meeting to the first meeting of the year. No updated version could be found and on discussion we decided that it makes sense to leave as it is - it is unlikely that new members **would** become office bearers

Head Teacher Report

St Patricks' PS decant

- Returned to St Patrick's on Thursday 15th December having been decanted to Calderhead HS since Wednesday 23rd November

S5 Parents' Night

- S5 Attendance 66% up from 40% in 2016
- S6 Attendance 65% up from 21% in 2016

Foodbank

- Food collected by S3 pupils and delivered to Trussell Trust

Sports Fair

- Our Sports Ambassadors wish to increase participation
- Survey to be carried electronically
- Working lunch next week to plan survey questions

Primary Transition

- Ceilidh on Wed 21st December was very successful and included St Patrick's P7 pupils
- Next formal day will be 19th April

Inset day 3

- Posters with Educational Pathways and the value in studying in each subject is now on the walls around the schooling

Careers Event

- S3 pupils attended 3 workshops from a choice of 8 presented by friends of Calderhead HS
- Careers Fair with around 24 stalls: businesses, colleges etc. All S1-S4 pupils attended. S5/6 and parents could attend at the end of the school day.

Scottish Attainment Challenge

- North Lanarkshire have a CANcan scheme to tackle the poverty related attainment gap. Funded by the Scottish Attainment Challenge
- An external mentor has been assigned to the school to work with 8 pupils
- 3 x S4 Pupils residential study experience in Arran
- 1 x senior pupil going forward Science Internship/mentor programme
- Enhance Primary Transition

Pupil Equity Fund

- £1200 per pupil in S1-S3 who is registered for FME, this is in addition to all other funding

- Must be spent by June 2018, does not have to be spent on individual pupils
- 5 year programme of funding, the amount may not be £1200 in following years

Staffing

- Since the start of this term the number of classroom assistant has reduced from 2 to 1, a reduction of 30 hours
- The number of hours for clerical assistance in the main office has been reduced by 25 hours

Others

- Euro trip for current S2 pupils
- Outward Bound leadership course booked for 27th-29th October 2017
- Beat the Teacher Race

John also advised that he has recently had 2 meetings with the Police. The Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Squad are looking to set up a group in Shotts. They are looking for 24 volunteers from 2nd, 3rd and 4th year - training will be received and they will eventually assist at events such as 10k races, tattoo etc. A great public relations exercise to encourage the young people to volunteer within the local community. This fits in well with the school's MVP program.

First Class Account

Idea had been to give members a guide to using the First Class Account however agreed that other uploading of minutes etc, which is done by the secretary, there is no real requirement for using the system. It is also understood that it is being replaced and therefore not worthwhile

Quiz Night

Jim Robertson quizmaster available for any date in March for our next quiz night - settled on 24th. Pauline will book the bowling club.

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