**Calderhead High School**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**Thursday 6th September 2018**

**In Attendance:-**

Linsey Fairlie, Claire Whyte, Jennifer Hayburn, Corrina Campbell, Alison Barr, Gordon Muir, Nana McLean, Susan Duncanson, Lynn Prentice, Audra McPhee, John Robertson, Maxine Paterson, Elaine Byrne

**Apologies:-**

Fiona Forrest

**Welcome:-**

Short welcome and introduction to new member Audra, parent of a new 1st year. With Audra joining our constitution will need updated - membership currently restricted to 10. Linsey advised we will review at next meeting, Audra advised that there is now a new template, Claire will get a copy of this from Audra before the next meeting.

**Correspondence**

Only correspondence being emails received by all from Maureen Moore on this years available courses. Claire pointed out that with this being Nana and Linsey’s final year on the parent council, and with them having completed the Criterion Led Selection training, that we may have to look to some others completing the training in March so that we have at least the 3 required members trained in the event of any future senior appointment interviews. Lynn and Audra have both completed this as members (both chairs) of their respective primaries. Claire will attempt to find out from Maureen Moore if Gordon is listed as having completed the necessary training.

**Head Teacher Report**

Report received prior to meeting – issues discussed

As always the exam results were a popular talking point however the main topic for discussion was the ‘House Time’ proposal. The idea of bringing in House Time (a bit like previous registration) is an attempt to tackle the attendance problem as pupils move up the school. Thoughts are that the same point of contact each morning will give pupils more of a feeling of inclusion as well as it being easier, with one initial point of contact, to note those who are often absent, late etc. Seemed that the PC feeling in general was that this is a good idea, certainly something worth trying. A consultation required before presenting for approval.

**Quiz Night**

Nana has this week submitted a letter to the bowling club for Friday November 9th. Upon confirmation of the date Nana will advise and Maxine will speak with Jim Robertson, Alison will purchase Cinema tickets, Elaine will help with posters to promote, Claire will email local primaries and their parent councils. Raffles, prizes etc can be discussed at next meeting.

**AOCB**

Nana was asked to raise the subject of a Girls football team in the upcoming charity match. Currently to be boys vs male teacher. Not possible due to short notice, not enough time to ensure enough class cover.

Nana raised the issue of partners attending this years senior Prom – it seems that pupils believe this is prohibited this year but was not in previous years. John will look into this.

Nana raised the issue of weeds/overgrown areas of the school playground and bird tables causing issues for local residents as these issues were mentioned at local community council meetings and wondered if the school has received complaints. Not aware of any such issues raised – the bird tables are nowhere near housing to cause any issues. The weeds/ overgrown areas are, these are also causing loss of parking spaces. Council no longer responsible for school grounds, school would have to pay themselves! Teachers preferred to gardening, all agreed with this. Janitor would like to do weed killing within school grounds but must be trained, he is waiting on this training. Grounds discussion led to the issue of the school grounds in Winter time and issues caused when buses cannot access the grounds. General consensus is that this should be raised with local councillors. 2 of the councillors are now regular attendees at Dykehead meetings, Claire to email minutes and Agendas to councillors going forward. Nana could raise issues with councillors at the Community Council meetings.

This years Christmas Faye is Saturday 1st December, organised by this years 4th year. So far Santa and 11 stalls are organised.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 4th October @ 6pm**