

Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes for meeting held on Thursday 3rd Feb 2022 at 6pm

Present:

John Robertson, Audra MacPhee, Maxine Paterson, Susan Duncanson, Gordon Muir, Kyrstie Connor, Alison Barr, Jennifer Hayburn, Lynn Prentice, Martin McCulloch, Kenneth Stevenson.

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| <p>Correspondence Catherine Sweeney is now the contact for Parent Councils with NLC. No Longer MM.</p> <p>VANL have sent info on fundraising. Audra will arrange for this email to be forwarded to the parent council.</p> <p>PC Code of Conduct & Constitution needs to be updated. This was distributed at the meeting. Audra will action this.</p> | <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> |
| <p>Headteachers report (Copied and Pasted from HT's report) Parent Council Headteacher Report Thursday 3rd February 2022</p> <p>Staffing We continue with the following long term absences Librarian (Vacancy, unable to advertise due to ongoing review) Mrs Abbas (PT Expressive Studies) , With the departure of Lynn Muir we have a vacancy for a Home Economics Teacher, National advert in December and then again in January. Interviewing on Wednesday 2nd February. Mrs Galloway intends to return from Maternity leave on 16th February 2022. Mrs Phee (PT Pupil Support and Business Studies) has returned to work Mr Mennie (Technology Technician) returned to work in 1st February. Four members of staff have been successful at interview for permanent posts with Calderhead High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew Kennedy, Physical Education ● Emily Franklyn, Modern Studies and Geography ● Laura Deluche, Spanish and French ● Jemma Charge, Business Studies. <p>All four had been with us for their Probationer period and we are delighted at the appointments. We have estimated the school roll in August to be 545 pupils which means we have been allocated 41.48FTE. It is hope that this will be supplemented by staff under the COVID Recovery budget.</p> <p>Prelims</p> | |

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| <p>These start on 8th February through until Monday 21st February. These will help to generate evidence if a candidate is absent for SQA exam and give pupils an experience of sitting exams with invigilators.</p> <p>Holiday change Reminder, an additional holiday has been added to the calendar. The Platinum Jubilee holiday is Thursday 3rd June, the holiday on Monday 30th May has been moved to Friday 4th June.</p> <p>Future Fridays This continues on a Friday afternoon from 1pm to 2:45pm. A range of activities are available.</p> <p>Parents' Meetings The scheduled meeting for S5/6 on Wednesday 19th January 2022 went ahead as planned. Staff had difficulty if they were using an Ipad. Laptops and desktops worked fine, laptops were quickly distributed as required. Parents were phoned with a report if they had an early appointment and the video link had not worked. 33 New cameras have been purchased for Desktop machines.</p> <p>Headteacher news This session I was invited to join the group reviewing the Devolved School Management agreement. This is an agreement that needs to be agreed every three years and involves allocation of funds for all three stages in NLC, Nursery, Primary and Secondary. The final agreement will go before elected officials in April 2022. I am also on the selection panel for the appointment of a new Headteacher for Dalziel High School. I am also one of three Secondary Headteachers advising Derek Brown, Executive Director for Education and Families, of the potential impact of the introduction of 21 hours maximum teacher pupil contact.</p> <p>Dates of future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday 3rd February 2022 ● Thursday 3rd March 2022 ● Thursday 5th May 2022 | |
| <p>GBT Update Kyrstie Connor sought clarification over how she could best action her parent council role within the GBT Centre. Parents suggested seeking feedback on the recent parents' evenings being held online. Other suggestions included building a survey that could be shared via link on social media platforms.</p> <p>The group discussed their experiences with online parents evenings. It was noted that uptake of online parents appointments was much lower than in person appointments.</p> <p>GBT are now dealing with referrals for Home Heating.</p> | |

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| <p>Moving Forward With The Parent Council</p> <p>Audra gave the group an update on the meetings that have taken place between Audra, Susan and John on moving forward with the parent council. Parents were then consulted on what they'd like to happen in future meetings. Audra collated the feedback and this will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Some ideas that were discussed included arranging an online class for parents on how to support homework; updates from school departments on successes and working practices; pupil inputs/report from School captains. J Robertson will contact School Captains to discuss this further.</p> <p>Events: The group discussed the upcoming significant events that could be used to positively promote the school. These included giving tours of the school at the anniversary of the school opening. This will need to be discussed in detail at a future date.</p> | JR |
| <p>AOCB</p> <p>J Robertson reported that the NLC Hub was already established but discussions on relocating the local Police base within the school were still ongoing. The plans are still unconfirmed but would be funded through the Police and not from Education/School funds. Police would have access to the school gym suite when the school wasn't using the facilities.</p> <p>K Stevenson and M McCulloch have participated in meetings where proposals were discussed to try and keep services in Shotts. They recognise there would be a good argument to request traffic calming measures outside the school due to anticipated increased traffic.</p> <p>Parent Council members advised that they were welcome to attend Shotts Community Board to share ideas there too.</p> | |