

# Calderhead HS Parent Council

*Minutes for meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6pm*

Present: A MacPhee, S Duncanson, J Robertson, J Hayburn, K Connor, L Prentice, M Paterson, A Barr

Guests: Kenzie, Jack, Chloe and Joanne

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| <p><b>Apologies</b><br/>Apologies received from Gordon, Corrina, Kenny and Martin. We also received apologies &amp; resignation from Clare Whyte who no longer has a child at the school.</p>  |                    |
| <p><b>Input from School Captains</b><br/>The parent forum had an opportunity to hear about the roles and responsibilities of School Captains and Vice Captains.</p> <p>We discussed the process of applying for positions including writing your statement and going for interview. We also discussed the possibility of remits being written up for future Captains including evaluating the impact of the work the School Captains Team has had in the school. The team had set themselves goals and targets at the beginning of the year.</p> <p>When the school is running, without the influence of Covid, JR would like future school captains to hold House assemblies. Topics could include LGBT and MVP. The current team have tried to work closely with the current prefect team and have engaged in lots of meetings, especially on the run up to events.</p> <p>Advice for future School Captains included “Be democratic, don’t fall out with friends and remember that you’re all working together to improve the school”.</p> <p>Ideas for the 10yr celebration: “10yrs of Giving” a focus on the charitable actions and fundraising activities over the last 10 years<br/>10 years of Calderhead: Who were the pupils over the last 10 years? Inviting captains to return to a Celebratory Assembly.</p> <p>The parent council all agreed that the input was interesting and informative. Everyone was very grateful that the Captains/Vice Captains were able to attend.</p> |                    |
| <p><b>Code of Conduct</b><br/>Audra circulated the new Code of Conduct for everyone to read, sign and submit. The signed codes of conduct were collected from everyone in attendance at the meeting.</p>   |                    |

## Head Teachers Report

### Parent Council Headteacher Report

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Staffing

We continue with the following long-term absences

- Librarian (Vacancy, unable to advertise due to ongoing review)
- Mrs Abbas (PT Expressive Studies),

Carole Cowan started on the 19<sup>th</sup> April as our Home Economics teacher

Mrs Phee begins her Maternity Leave on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May

Stephanie Martin has been appointed permanent teacher of Technology, she is currently with us as a Probationer Teacher.

We have asked for a probationers in Home Economics and Business Studies. We

have also asked for two Primary School staff to continue with our Covid 19 recovery.

We have four Acting Posts we wish to fill in the next few weeks

- 0.2FTE Pupil Support
- 0.5FTE Pupil Support
- PT Developing the Young Workforce
- PT (PEF) Enhancing School Ethos

#### SQA Exams

These started on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April with Geography and have been going well.

These are the first SQA exams since 2019.

#### Holiday change (Reminder)

Reminder, an additional holiday has been added to the calendar. The Platinum Jubilee holiday is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the holiday on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May has been moved to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Extra Curricular

Orienteering Squad have had one training session using the Permanent Orienteering Courses in the school grounds and have been to three events, Polkemmet, Carbarns and Falkirk Wheel. We hope to enter pupils for the Scottish School Festival on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at Scone Palace.

Netball squad continue to train Tuesday and Friday. We hope to host two Netball festivals in June one for our Cluster Primary Pupils and one for Secondary Schools. Our Facility Officers have sourced equipment and paint and plan to mark out one, possibly two, outdoor courts.

#### Partnership

GBT- Community Empowerment project, 8-week graffiti project.

GBT – Cycling projects, including Future Fridays

Velo Mechanics, two-day training and assessment, 8 pupils

Social Track £5000 joint bid for new bikes plus training for 8 pupils.

#### COVID 19

Masks are no longer compulsory in the school.

Reminder that CO2 monitors have been deployed in each classroom to monitor air quality. If the monitor turns Red the member of staff will increase ventilation.

School Improvement Plan

We have begun this process by having discussions at Extended Leadership Meetings.

Today we had four Solution Orientated Meetings around our “Ready to Learn” initiative.

- Improving Uniform
- Improving attitude to learning
- Improving Attendance
- Improving behaviour

These meetings involve having four parts, each with a strict time limit.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain (What is not going well)</li> <li>• Competencies (what is going well/what are we good at)</li> <li>• Goals (pupil centred outcomes/what we need from this process)</li> <li>• Actions (turn goals into actions/what do we need to do)</li> </ul> <p>It now looks as if our three priorities for the SIP will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid 19 Recovery Plan for Attainment</li> <li>• Enhancing School Ethos</li> <li>• Improving Teaching and Learning</li> </ul>   |    |
| <p><b>GBT Survey Feedback</b></p> <p>Kyrstie shared the results from her survey. Her survey focused on the 10 year celebration. The feedback showed that the local community were keen to support any activities in the school.</p> <p>Some of things that people expected to see included a Then/Now photo, walk around the school (to see inside the school).</p> <p>JR would like the date for the celebration to happen on roughly the second week of the new term in August.</p> <p>JR thinks the celebrations will last the full school year rather than one specific date. The parent council will try and use these events to promote/recruit participation in the Parent Council.</p> <p>JR will contact the Parent Council with suggestions on how PC can be involved in the celebrations.</p> | JR |
| <p><b>Carousel Activity Feedback</b></p> <p>Audra circulated the feedback from the Carousel activity. The chart indicated that the parent council were really interested in the hearing from the School Captains (which happened tonight). The next most popular points of interest are Staff Curriculum Presentations and Pupil Support.</p> <p>A discussion took place where the group decided which input they would like next. The group agreed that it would be useful to hear Curricular input as well as Support for Learning. J Robertson will contact the staff team to check availability and take it from there.</p>  | JR |

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| <p><b>School Prom</b></p> <p>There's been lots of debate recently within the school about who should be responsible for organising the prom with the question being posed of "Would the Parent Council be happy to organise it in future?".</p> <p>J Robertson gave the group some insight into how the prom has been organised in the past and why they had to implement a "no guests" policy.</p> <p>A member of staff, Kirsty Wilson, has volunteered to organise next years prom.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Future Meetings</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> September 2022<br/> 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (AGM)<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023<br/> 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023</p>   |  |