

Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes for meeting held on Thursday 3rd Nov 2022 at 6pm, Calderhead HS



Present:

Audra McPhee, Susan Duncanson, John Robertson, Jennifer Hayburn, Kyrstie Connor, Lynn Prentice, Gordon Muir, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Leckie

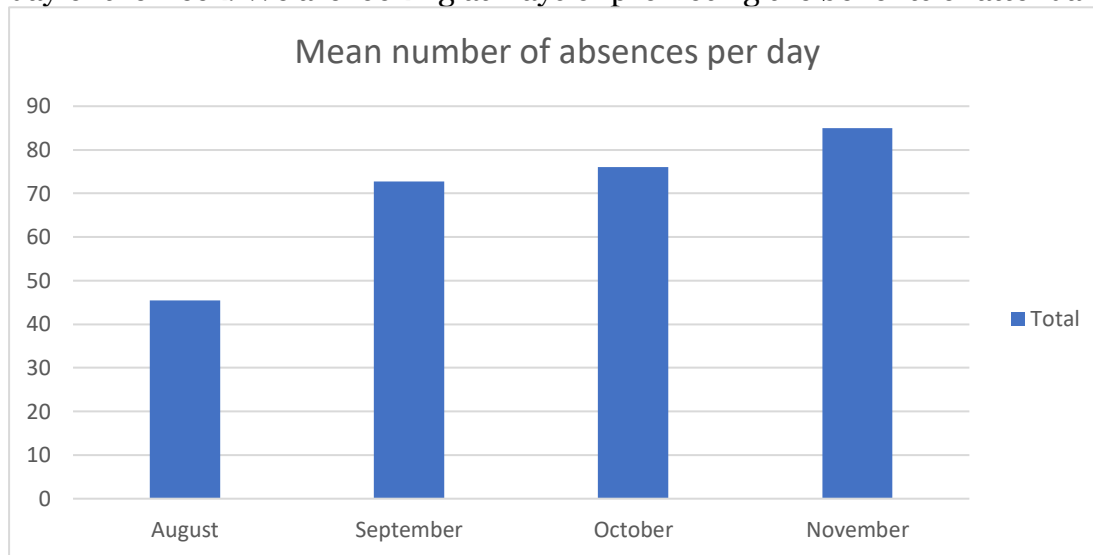
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| <p>Apologies Apologies received from Cllr McCulloch, Alison Barr, Corrina Campbell, Lisa McAllister and Maxine Paterson.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Head Teachers Report</p> <p>Headteacher Report for Calderhead High School Parent Council Thursday 3rd November 2022</p> <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverts have gone out for two new positions in the School Office. Gillian Pritchard is retiring on the 11th of November. The online applications closed on 2nd November, there are 16 applicants. The Headteacher, and both the Depute Head positions have been moved up one place on the salary scale due to the sustained increase in the school roll. <p>SQA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had 13 out of 18 successful appeals. This now means that 32.4% of S4 pupils gained at least 5 National 5 Course Awards. Our 4th best result ever in the history of the school, just behind 2018, 2019, 2021*. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Awards</th> <th>2007</th> <th>2008</th> <th>2009</th> <th>2010</th> <th>2011</th> <th>2012</th> <th>2013</th> <th>2014</th> <th>2015</th> <th>2016</th> <th>2017</th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5+ Awards at National 5</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>28.6</td> <td>29.7</td> <td>31.9</td> <td>29.9</td> <td>26.1</td> <td>33.9</td> <td>37.7</td> <td>30.9</td> <td>40.7</td> <td>32.4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Awards | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 5+ Awards at National 5 | | | | | | | 28.6 | 29.7 | 31.9 | 29.9 | 26.1 | 33.9 | 37.7 | 30.9 | 40.7 | 32.4 | |
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| <p>News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Class Time has made an impact on wearing of school uniform, lateness and attendance. It has also helped with House identity. We have asked staff for feedback on how HCT can be improved and have acted on this. We intend to also ask pupils for feedback. <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macmillan Coffee Morning will be on the 14th October, 2022 was a success with staff and pupils using the Assembly Hall again. Children in Need. Prepaartion is underway for the talent show, leg waxing etc. DYW Event at the Civic Centre. Kenny Krievs and I attended. We had positive discussions with the CEO of CPA and the managing consultant from WQS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Salsburgh. We intend to follow up with a working breakfast combined with an offer to tour the school. We plan to invite other employers in the local area.

- Football teams S1 team lost at home in the league to Dalziel 2-7, the S2s lost 3-5 to St Ambrose also in the league 1 and won away to Coatbridge.
- Netball, we have entered two equal teams in the Senior League and split the girls according to positions they wanted to play. One of the teams beat Chryston 12-8 in a great advert for school sport. We plan to look for friendlies for the S1 girls after Christmas.
- Outward Bound. We are sending 24 girls to the Loch Eil Centre for a Women into Leadership course on Friday 18th November to Sunday 20th November.
- I spoke at the Scottish Learning Festival about the value and benefits of Outdoor Education.

Absences

A major focus this session is to reduce the number of absences. There is large difference between year groups and also fluctuations in attendance depending on the day of the week. We are looking at ways of promoting the benefits of attendance.



John circulated a copy of his report and offered insights on the current vacancies advertised in the school office. There will be roughly an 8 week period until the positions are filled due to PVG and background checks.

SQA Appeals process has 13 successful appeals.

Outward Bound has a good reputation in the school. Places have been secured by several young people from senior pupils. This upcoming trip has been targeted at girls in leadership. Future trips will be targeted at the boys' football team.

John shared his concerns about attendance. The concern for increasing absences was shared by the parent council. There are plans in place to improve attendance through one-to-one time with pupils/staff during House Time and through the campus Police Officer.

School Improvement Plan

John presented the School Improvement Plan and presented various aspects of it to the group. One of the main focuses of the plan is to improve attendance thus increasing attainment within the school.

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| <p>Cllr Leckie asked a question regarding the role of Janitorial staff and whether the best use of their time is gardening for Dykehead PS. John explained that the role of janitorial staff has changed. They are now called Facilitators and have a much wider remit including gardening responsibilities for their assigned cluster schools.</p> | |
| <p>Parental Engagement</p> <p>Audra briefly recapped John’s presentation from a previous parent council meeting where the link between parental engagement and student success was evident for everyone to see. We reviewed the results for the parents’ survey held during the previous S1 parents evening. The group discussed various social media platforms with Facebook being the most popular.</p> | |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Our next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 1st Dec 2022 at 6pm in the school Conference Room.</p> | |