

Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes for meeting held on Thursday 2nd Feb 2023 at 6pm, Calderhead HS

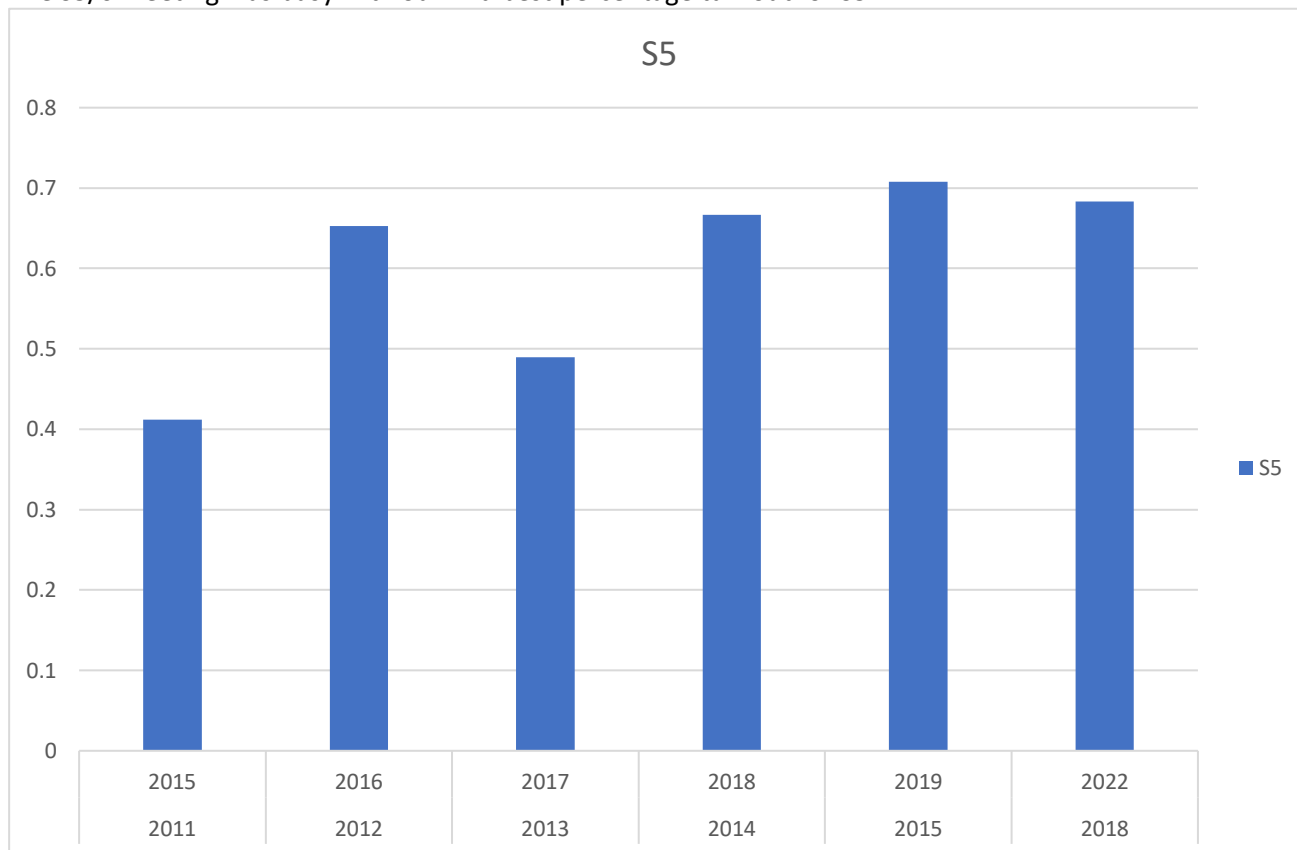


	To be Actioned By:
Present Audra MacPhee, Susan Duncanson, John Robertson, Lisa McAllister, Gordon Muir, Maxine Paterson, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Leckie, Amanda Barr, Lynn Prentice, Kenny Krievs	
Apologies Apologies received from Cllr McCulloch, Cllr Stevenson, Jennifer Hayburn, Allison Barr, Corrina Campbell	
Presentation by K Krievs on Developing Young Workforce Discussion on Community Partnership Coffee Morning on 17 th April K Krievs introduced the group to DYW (Developing Young Workforce) and explained that it prepares pupils for the workplace. He demonstrated the digital skills framework that pupils will use and then proposed plans for the DYW event that will run in April. This event will hopefully bring together local employers, schools and agencies to support and develop the local work force. This will go ahead on Wednesday 19 th April 2023 0915Hrs-1115Hrs in the school. He invited the Parent Council to help identify and contact local companies to invite them along. Audra will forward info to the Parent Council WhatsApp group when she receives them.	AM
Head Teacher Report Staffing We continue with the following long-term absences Mr Graham DHT Ms Abernethy and Mrs Spalding have returned to work. Mrs Phee will return from Maternity Leave in March and will be undertaking keeping in touch days between now and then. Start date of 20th February has been set for Sheona McLean in our office. A start date for Sheila McLelland has still to be set. Prelims S5/6 These start on Wednesday 8th February through until Friday 17th February. These will help to generate evidence if a candidate is absent for SQA exam. A few S4 Prelims will also take place at this time. S4 Prelims took place in December. As usual, the pupil behaviour was very good. In terms of pupil performance at this stage we are very optimistic about the final exams in May. Holiday change Reminder, an additional holiday has been added to the calendar. A new holiday has been granted for Monday 8th May to mark the coronation. Future Fridays This continues on a Friday afternoon; we have adjusted the times from 12:30 pm to 2:30pm to improve pupil uptake. A range of activities are available.	

Head Teachers Report Cont/

Parents' Meetings

The S5/6 meeting was busy with our 2nd best percentage turnout for S5.



S2 Parents' Meeting on Monday 30th January.

We had 83 pupils represented (out of 109) a 76% turnout. Again, one of best ever percentage turnouts and the highest number of attendees at any Parents/Carers Meeting.

Attainment Review for 2022

This review was conducted by Derek Brown, Depute Chief Executive and Jacqueline Burton, Education Manager. John McGilp, Coltness High School, was the peer Headteacher. The review was in two parts. The first part concentrated on attendance, exclusions, positive destinations and SQA exam results. The second part of the meeting looked at how we could work with our partners to improve outcomes for pupils. The second part was very well attended, unfortunately Derek had to leave at the end of the first part of the morning.

John answered questions from the group on how attendance is recorded within the school. He offered the group a presentation of ongoing attendance figures he's been gathering. The figures clearly showed concerns for every year group with the worst attendance being those pupils who were affected by Covid lockdowns in P7 (current S3). He emphasised the point that good attendance is one of the key factors in improving attainment.

The school has recently sent out emails to parents/carers highlighting their young persons attendance so that it can be addressed promptly at home.

Our attendance levels are poor compared to other High Schools. John explained that a recent comparison highlighted that schools with high free meal or school clothing grants also had problems with poor attendance figures. Our school has the 2nd highest free meal entitlement in NL.

<p>Parental Engagement</p> <p>Since our previous meeting we've attended every parent's night distributing flyers with dates for upcoming meetings. We've launched the Facebook Page and after a few teething problems have now made the group searchable. Audra encouraged the group to share the page to encourage support for the parent council. Audra has been attending Parent Consultative Group meetings and through this has become involved in updating the NLC Parental Engagement Strategy for NLC. Audra has started attending the parent council meetings for the cluster primary schools to make links with cluster PC's and highlight the value of parental engagement at high school level.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 6pm in Calderhead HS</p>	