

Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday 4th May 2023



	To be Actioned By:
<p>Present Audra MacPhee, John Robertson, Maxine Paterson, Kyrstie Cowell, Cllr Leckie, Cllr Hughes, PC Andrew Park, Susan Duncanson, Corrina Campbell, Lynn Prentice, Lisa McAllister, Lorraine Ivory.</p>	
<p>Apologies Apologies received from Cllr McCulloch, Gordon Muir and Amanda Barr.</p>	
<p>School Liaison Officer – Andrew Park Andrew talked about his role as School Liaison Officer at CHS. The role is really varied and can involve anything from home visits relating to non-attendance to campaigns against anti-bullying, road safety and vaping etc. Andrew attends events held by local primary schools within the cluster. Andrew is keen to build relationships within the school so that young people's experience of Police contact is positive.</p>	
<p>Headteacher Report 4th May 2023 (Copied HT Report)</p> <p>Staffing Gordon Graham started his phased return on Monday 27th March, and he will return to full duties on Monday 8th May. Lauran Faulds, English, is still absent from work. Evelyn Abernethy, Art and Design, has been absent since before the Easter break. Sheila McClelland has started in the school Office. We now have 4 office workers only Office Manager Agnes O'Hare is full time. We currently have an advert open for a Home Economics teacher, this closes on the 5th of May. We also have a vacancy for Biology in August, I have requested an advert to fill this vacancy.</p> <p>Attendance As previously reported improving Attendance is a key driver to improving Attainment. We have an ongoing concern regarding the number of absences in S3, they remain stubbornly high and out of line with S1 and S2.</p> <p>Validated Self Evaluation Visit A VSE visit had been agreed for Wednesday 7th June to Friday 9th June, this has now been moved back to the following week.</p> <p>School Uniform We have added no leggings and no joggers to our School Uniform policy. They can be worn in PE lessons.</p> <p>School Improvement Planning process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revisited our Motto, aim, values and vision.• Parent/Carer Survey, 58 returns (49/56 strongly agreed/agreed that are satisfied with Calderhead High School.)	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Survey 28 returns (26/27 said the strongly agreed/agreed that they find it rewarding to be a member of staff at Calderhead High School) • Common Option Form S4-S6. • INSIGHT analysis. 															
<p>Parent Council Update</p> <p>PCG Meeting Presentations from the last PCG meeting have been forwarded to the group.</p> <p>DYW Event The Developing the Young Workforce event at Calderhead was a success - thanks to those who helped. The event was well attended, and it looks like there could be some exciting opportunities for our young people. As a result, CHS have been asked to present at the DYW regional conference later this month.</p> <p>Parental Engagement Strategy Review Review is going well; first draft should be ready early June and will be distributed to key stakeholders including PCs for comment.</p> <p>Cluster Primary School PC We attended 2 primary school parent council meetings last month and have just one remaining school within the cluster to attend. Positive response to this contact.</p> <p>Road Safety Safety issues in and around the school entrance were raised with NLC. Response from NLC informed us that 20mph speed limit consultation had been carried out for Dyfrig Street. Unsafe parking should be flagged to Police Scotland. NLC will look at road markings outside school and investigate whether there is an option to widen access at the school gate.</p>															
<p>PC 2023 / 2024 The group were asked for suggestions around what topics would be of interest for next terms meetings. Suggestions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we make parents more aware of what goes on in school • Presentation from subject teachers • Presentation from pupil support • Feedback from parent forum / PCG • Initiative for promoting school • Presentation from pupil council / senior pupils • Invite pupils to attend PC • Awareness of courses that prepare for world of work • More information on extracurricular activities and other courses available • Impact from community partnership event • Choice of subjects offered at school 															
<p>AOB</p> <p>Dates 2023 / 2024</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>No Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>7/9/23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October</td> <td>5/10/23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November</td> <td>2/11/23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December</td> <td>7/12/23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>No Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>1/2/24</td> </tr> </table>	August	No Meeting	September	7/9/23	October	5/10/23	November	2/11/23	December	7/12/23	January	No Meeting	February	1/2/24	
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Next Meeting Thursday 1st June 2023 6pm Calderhead HS.		