

# Calderhead HS Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023



	To be Actioned By:
<b>Present</b> Audra MacPhee, Lorraine Ivory, Gordon Muir, John Robertson, Cllr Hughes.	
<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Maxine Paterson, Lisa McAllister, Lynn Prentice, Corrina Campbell, Kyrstie Cowell, Susan Duncanson and Amanda Barr.	
<b>Developing the Young Workforce</b> Anna Cairney's presentation has been rescheduled to next term – date TBC.	
<b>Headteacher Report June 2023 (Copied HT Report)</b> <b>Staffing</b> We continue to have two long term absences in English and Art and Design. I am following NLC policy to support them back to work. We short leeted and interviewed three Home Economics candidates and have made a recommendation to appoint Liam Donnelly. We have 16 applicants for the vacancy in Biology, interviews will take place next week. <b>Pupil Absence</b> 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. Currently for S3 the average daily absence is 24.4%, the daily average for S2 is 18.8% and for S1 it is 13.7% <b>Validated Self Evaluation Visit</b> The VSE visit has now been postponed until the new session. This is due to HMle visits to Clyde Valley High School and Allanton Primary School the same week and NLC being required to support these external inspections. <b>School Uniform</b> Blazer fitting and T Shirt fitting will take place on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 4pm to 6pm and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 5pm to 7pm. Both nights will be in our Social Area. <b>School Improvement Planning process</b> We have visited Liberton High School in Edinburgh to learn about how they timetable S4-S6 together as the one cohort. We were also keen learn how they use available SQA qualifications to improve attainment. <b>Outward Bound</b> Following the success of the Netball Squad undertaking a Women into Leadership Course at Loch Eil in the Autumn we are sending the S2 Boys Football Squad from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> June to 4 <sup>th</sup> June for a Leadership Course.	

## **Awards Ceremony**

We postponed our Awards Ceremony until September due to the original VSE being postponed from 9<sup>th</sup> June to the 13<sup>th</sup> June VSE. We are continuing with our new format of four House Assemblies to celebrate those pupils who been nominated to receive a Merit Certificate and an Awards Ceremony for those who have been nominated for prizes. Dates for these will be published once we know more about the VSE dates.

## **Calderhead Vision & Values**

### **Motto**

- Facta Non Verba (Deeds not words)

### **Established**

- 1820 Wilson's School
- 1876 Calderhead School
- 1965 Calderhead Secondary School
- 1966 Calderhead High School

## **Promoting a positive ethos by following the school's vision and values because Calderhead CARES**

### **Vision**

- Shotts Schools Transforming Lives

### **Values**

#### **Community**

- Being a proud **ambassador** for Calderhead High School and the Shotts community.
- Working in **partnership** with parents/carers, employers and other agencies.
- Treating the school building and grounds with **respect**.
- Having a sense of belonging in a safe, welcoming and **nurturing** environment.

#### **Ambition**

- **Determination** to succeed in your own way.
- Being **resilient** and accepting that challenge is a part of success.
- **Embracing opportunities** that are afforded to you.
- Having **high expectations** and always striving to do your best.

#### **Respect**

- Acknowledging you are **valued** in every way and knowing those around you are valuable too.
- Understanding that everyone deserves to be treated with **kindness** and behaving as such.
- Showing **care** towards our school building, resources, community, and environment.
- Following rules and **trusting** that they are there to encourage success for all.

#### **Equity**

- Recognising **differences** in others and ourselves
- Identifying ways to overcome **barriers**
- Creating **opportunities** for all
- **Embedding** an inclusive atmosphere and mindset

#### **Success**

- **Celebrating** personal goals for each young person.

- **Preparing** pupils for life and work.
- **Opportunities** to break down barriers and succeed.
- Taking **accountability** for your learning and achievement.

Proud to be a Rights Respecting School. Proud to be an MVP School. Breastfeeding friendly award school.

**Parent Council Update**

**DYW Regional Conference**

Kenny Krievs and Audra MacPhee presented on the Community Partnership Event and Parental Involvement / Engagement to DYW Champions and Leads at this event. Great to be able to fly the flag for Calderhead!

**Parental Engagement Strategy Review**

Draft strategy has been distributed by NLC to PC, HTs for review. Parent Consultative Group Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June where each PC will give feedback from their group as part of the consultation process.

**ACTION:** Feedback on draft strategy sent to Audra by Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**Recruitment New Members**

We have lost a few members this term as their young people have come to the end of their time at Calderhead. We need to start looking to recruit more people to join our group and to try and get parents / carers from all year groups so that we have fair representation.

**ACTION:** Could everyone think of one parent / carer who they could invite along to our next meeting.

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**S3 Exam Schedule**

Feedback that S3 exams had been a bit much with young people sitting exams on consecutive days or sometimes two in the one day – S3 exams are scheduled around SQA hall time and invigilator availability.

**Awards Ceremony**

This had been rescheduled from the usual time in June as the school had a VSE visit planned for June. The VSE visit has been postponed and revised dates have still to be confirmed. Dates for Awards Ceremony TBC.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6pm Calderhead HS.