

Calderhead HS Parent Council

AGM Minutes

Thursday 7th December 2023



	Actioned By:
<p>Present Audra MacPhee, John Robertson, Cllr McCulloch, Kirsteen Boyd, Lorraine Ivory, Cllr Hughes, Corrina Campbell, Cllr Leckie and Lynn Prentice (via Teams).</p>	
<p>Apologies Apologies received from Maxine Paterson, Gordon Muir, Edward Ford, Susan Duncanson, Lisa McAllister, Jennifer Telfer and Colin Shearer.</p>	
<p>Welcome Audra MacPhee welcomed everyone to the 2022/2023 AGM. Minutes from last meeting reviewed, 2nd November 2023 and 2022 AGM. Approved Cllr Leckie and seconded Lorraine Ivory.</p>	
<p>Annual Report 2022 / 2023 Over the past year there has been a real drive to improve engagement with our parent forum. The information below details some of the work undertaken.</p> <p>Calderhead Parents FB Page: the FB page was set up in response to feedback from parents. Originally set up as Calderhead Parent Council then changed to Calderhead Parents. It has been active for one year and so far, there are 215 members. In the last month there have been 53 posts, on those posts there have been 178 active members which is anyone who has viewed, posted, commented or reacted to a post. The group is a closed group with posts closed to comments.</p> <p>Parent Council Membership: between August 2018 and September 2022 there was one new member to the Parent Council group. There has been a steady stream of parents leave which is to be expected when young people come to the end of their time at Calderhead, but we had been unable to attract new members. It's great to now see new parents coming along showing support for the group and school.</p> <p>School Events: the group have been active attending events within the school such as parent's evenings, DYW event and P7 transition. This has improved interaction with the wider parent forum and has encouraged some parents to come along to PC meetings.</p> <p>Parent Council Meetings: Audra MacPhee thanked John Robertson for the regular HT updates presented at the PC meetings. In response to feedback from the group on what would be of interest we included the following presentations / speakers at our meetings throughout the year - Developing the Young Workforce by Kenny Krieves, School Liaison Role, Andrew Park, Maths Journey at Calderhead by Maxine Paterson and Calderhead School Captains, Ellyn, Keir, Neve and Ellie.</p> <p>Validated Self Evaluation: three members from parent council took part in the parent focus group for the Validated Self Evaluation visit, Gordon Muir, Corrina Campbell and Audra MacPhee. It was great to be able to give the VSE team a flavour of what parents think about Calderhead. Thanks to those who attended.</p> <p>Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal: it was fantastic to be able to support our School Captains this year as they led this appeal which gives to those in need at Christmas. The FB page was tested with this project and proved to be a successful way of getting information out to parents quickly to ask for assistance. Our committee members Corrina Campbell and Audra MacPhee helped with wrapping shoeboxes, Lynn Prentice and her connection with Calderhead Erskine church secured the church taking a retiral offering which was donated to this great cause. An amazing 65 boxes in total were donated from the Calderhead Community! Thanks to everyone who helped.</p>	

<p>Senior Pupil Recruitment: parent council were involved this year in recruitment for School Captains. Thanks to Gordon Muir for his involvement with this.</p> <p>Cluster Parent Council Work: over the past year Calderhead Parent Council has visited all but one of our cluster primary school parent councils and one school not in our cluster but local to Calderhead. The purpose of these meetings was to spread the word on parental engagement and to encourage parents not to sit back and lose touch with school as their young person moves to high school. The visits were well received. Moving forward we hope to hold a Cluster Parent Council meeting in February 2024 at Calderhead.</p> <p>Developing Young Workforce: Parent Council played an integral role in helping the school arrange the Developing Young Workforce event in April. We were involved in inviting local companies and helping organise the event which had a great response from the community. Thanks to everyone who helped with this. On the back of this Kenny Krievs and Audra MacPhee were asked to speak at the Developing the Young Workforce Conference to talk about the Calderhead event and parental engagement.</p> <p>Parent Consultative Group: we have continued to be involved with the PCG over the past year. The Parent Consultative Group is a group of Chairs of Parent Councils across NLC who meet throughout the year and have updates from various departments within NLC and meet with PC peers to share best practice. This has been useful in many ways and has been a productive way of putting Calderhead on the map in respect of us having a presence at these meetings. There is a real push for improving parental engagement across North Lanarkshire currently and to this end the working group is still going strong updating the NLC Parental Engagement Policy – date of publish TBC, 2024.</p> <p>Audra MacPhee thanked all co-opted, staff, elected and parent members for their support throughout the year. Note of thanks to John Robertson for his support as advisor to Parent Council.</p> <p>Audra handed over to John Robertson for the election process of committee and office bearers.</p>	
<p>Election of Office Bearers and Committee</p> <p>Chair: Audra MacPhee, nominated Cllr Hughes, seconded Lorraine Ivory.</p> <p>Secretary: Lynn Prentice, nominated Corrina Campbell, seconded Cllr Leckie.</p> <p>Committee: Corrina Campbell, nominated Lorraine Ivory, seconded Cllr McCulloch.</p> <p>Committee: Kirsteen Boyd, nominated Lynn Prentice, seconded Cllr Hughes.</p> <p>Committee: Lorraine Ivory nominated Corrina Campbell, second Cllr Leckie.</p> <p>Committee: Gordon Muir (in absentia) nominated Cllr Leckie, seconded Cllr Hughes.</p> <p>Committee: Edward Ford (in absentia) nominated Lorraine Ivory, seconded Cllr Leckie.</p> <p>Committee: Lisa McAllister (in absentia) nominated Audra MacPhee, seconded Lynn Prentice.</p> <p>Committee: Colin Shearer (in absentia) nominated Audra MacPhee, seconded Lynn Prentice.</p> <p>Co-opted member: Kyrstie Cowell (in absentia), nominated Audra MacPhee, seconded Lynn Prentice.</p> <p>Code of conduct to be completed at next meeting if not completed at AGM.</p>	ALL
<p>Headteacher Report December 2023 (Copied HT Report)</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Evelyn Abernethy, Art and Design has been absent since March. The plan was for her to begin a phased return from 21st November. I am unsure when she will return to school. We are engaged in a supportive process to enable her return to school. We still have an ASNA vacancy, disappointingly I still have not been given a timescale for an appointment process.</p> <p>Validated Self Evaluation</p> <p>We have received the final version of the VSE report. I will circulate copies of this tonight and ask for it to be on the agenda at the next meeting, (1st February 2024)</p>	

Moderation in the Broad General Education Project

All of the Senior Leadership Team have had an opportunity to attend the initial training. The next phase is to involve PTs and subject leads in training before we can begin to work collaboratively.

Attendance

Pupil absence continues to be a concern. This is a concern across the UK and beyond. The current mean absence per day at Calderhead is now:

Up until 2nd November 2023

S1 (113)	S2 (92)	S3 (113)	S4 (111)	S5 (87)	S6 (42)
10.23%	19.18%	21.06%	23.70%	25.69%	25.15%

Up until 7th December 2023

S1 (113)	S2 (92)	S3 (113)	S4 (111)	S5 (87)	S6 (42)
11.65%	19.34%	21.66%	24.39%	23.82%	22.34%

Opportunities for Personal Development

S4 Outward Bound Residential trip at Loch Eil was very successful. Feedback from the centre was very positive, this was echoed by our staff, Miss Paterson, and Mrs Faulds. Our feedback to Outward Bound was that the pupils could have been challenged more. This was discussed with the area manager, and we have agreed to send 24 of the current S2 pupils September 2024 for five days. This will allow time for pupils to take on more Leadership roles. We have identified 2 staff to go with the pupils. Our plan is to invite pupils based on the S2 tracking and full reports, as well as attendance.

Both boys football teams have played a couple of matches each. A 2-3 win away to St Aidan's being the highlight. The S1-3 Girls team have taken part in the Future Fridays tournament at St Ambrose. The Senior Netball team are unbeaten and look likely to progress from their group in the North Lanarkshire competition.

Inter House S1 Cross Country was a success with some promising performances. The S2 Orienteering event was also successful pupils worked in pairs using a map to find controls. Many were able to complete all four maps. Both of these were led by a member of the PE department and well supported by talented and able S6 pupils.

House	S1 Attendance	S2 Attendance	S3 Attendance	S4 Attendance	Dance	Cross Country S1	Orienteering S2	Quiz	Football	Netball	P7 Challenge	Total
Fleming	9	9	12	12		2	6					50
Burns	10	10	7	8		6	2					43
Wallace	7	8	7	4		8	8					42
Lochhead	4	3	4	6		4	4					25

The SQA are visiting a small number of schools seeking views on the future of assessment in the Scottish Education system. They met with the SLT, staff focus group and S5/6 Focus group. They SQA staff were very impressed with the Senior Pupils, how articulate they were, the tough questions they asked and their politeness.

S3 Physics class visited the Newton Flight Academy at the Glasgow Science Centre. Senior Pupils visited the University of the West of Scotland as part of the Routes for All project. S4 pupils visited the University of Strathclyde as part of Focus West.

Children in Need - we held our annual talent show. As in previous years it was a sell out with lots of confident pupils taking to the stage. Again, this was organised by Senior Pupils.

Attainment Reviews

A theme running through these reviews was the impact that pupil absence was having on attainment. A second theme was the concern that the SQA have increased course content back to pre-covid levels and an increase in the assessment of courses National 4 to Advanced Higher.

School Maintenance

Update:

- One sewage pump is not working and is beyond repair, the other is barely working.
 - One pump is now working, and the smell has gone away. The pipe leading to the other pump is in need of repair, we have been told the pump will be fixed once the pipe is fixed. No time scale has been given.
- The heating within the school is not working in large parts of the building,
 - This seems to have been fixed. The Assembly Hall now has heating for the first time since the school opened. The circulating fan system in the Assembly Hall is in need of repair. Contractors have been out and taken photos. We are hopeful this will be fixed by the next set of Prelim Exam in February.
- the main entrance door is need of repair.
 - contract to repair has been accepted & part has been ordered.
- the leak in the Humanities Store cupboard has not been fixed, for the last 2 years the Facility Officers empty large buckets of rainwater on a weekly basis.
 - This has been fixed. New shelving has arrived, and cupboard will be painted.
- the rain harvester system is not working and is currently being overridden.
 - Manhole cover has been repaired, waiting for pump to be replaced.

New issues:

- Leaks have appeared in the South Facing Geography classrooms. This was after heavy rainfall. We suspect that this is because of guttering system needs to be cleaned. I have been given an assurance that guttering will be cleaned by February, weather conditions permitting. Approximate cost to NLC is £4000.

P7 Transition

Currently we have just under 100 pupils in our cluster P7 cohort. We will be staffed on 3 classes of 33 pupils. I intend to stick with our current model of 4 classes of around 25 pupils. This means we will have to find an extra 32 periods of teaching time, the equivalent of 1.2FTE staff. The 4 morning visits have gone well and the P7 pupils have engaged well with new friendships forming.

SQA attainment tracking

By end of	Awards	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023.0	2024 November	January 2024 es	March estimates
S4	5+ Awards at National 3 or 4 or 5							93.5	92.3	90.3	84.4	88.8	77.1	92.2	75.0	85.2	81.5	88.2			
S4	5+ Awards at National 4 or 5							77.9	91.2	87.5	76.6	76.2	75.4	88.9	67.7	85.2	75	80.4			
S4	5+ Awards at National 5							28.6	29.7	31.9	29.9	26.1	33.9	37.7	30.9	40.7	33.3	41.2	35.14		
S5	1 or more awards at National 6	20.2	20.4	18.1	31.5	33.7	23.8	30.8	42.9	46.2	40.3	45.57	52.2	41.0	63.3	33.8	40.7	41.7	50.00		
S5	3 or more awards at National 6	10.5	10.2	5.3	7.9	15.8	13.3	13.5	19.5	26.4	25.0	17.72	17.4	23.3	40.0	25	24.7	16.7	26.00		
S5	5 or more awards at National 6	1.8	5.6	0.0	2.2	6.9	3.8	6.7	6.5	6.6	5.6	6.33	5.8	6.6	15.6	10.3	8.6	6.5	9.00		
S6	1 or more awards at National 6	25.0	21.1	25.9	25.5	39.3	44.6	41.9	39.4	54.5	48.4	44.4	55.6	66.7	49.2	65.5	36.8	42.0			
S6	3 or more awards at National 6	10.2	14.9	13.9	12.8	24.7	29.7	25.7	25.0	35.1	36.3	31.9	24.7	24.6	30.7	45.5	26.5	25.9			
S6	5 or more awards at National 6	4.7	10.5	10.2	3.2	13.5	19.8	16.2	15.4	18.2	18.9	16.7	11.7	10.1	16.1	24.4	13.2	13.6			
S6	1 or more awards at National 7	0.8	3.5	5.6	0.0	5.6	4.0	5.7	2.9	6.5	9.9	12.5	7.8	11.6	9.7	18.8	8.8	3.7			

AOB

Business from previous minutes:

1. Enquiry as to whether "buddies" could be extended to other year groups – this is not possible due to constraints on Elaine Byrne, Home School Partnership Officer, in respect of allocation of her time to Calderhead.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Following the School Captain presentation at the November meeting the group were interested in the senior pupil application process being revised.3. Family Engagement Support Officer CHS – no update on this, recruitment has been slow.4. ASN vacancy – no update on this role being filled. | |
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<p>Next Meeting</p>	
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<p>Next meeting is Thursday 1st February 2024 at 18:00 Calderhead HS – all parents / carers of pupils at CHS are invited to attend.</p>	
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