



## Calderhead High School Parent Council

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Time: 18:00**

**Venue: Calderhead High School Meeting Room**

√	Audra McPhee (Chair)	√	John Robertson (Head Teacher)		Maxine Paterson (Staff Rep)	√	Lynn Prentice (sectary)
<b>A</b>	Kirsteen Boyd (KB)	A	Gordon Muir (GM)	√	Lisa McAllister (LMcA)	√	Colin Shearer (CS)
<b>A</b>	Edward Ford (EF)	√	Elaine Byrne (EB)				
<b>A</b>	Cllr Margaret Hughes (MH)	A	Cllr Martin McCulloch (MMcC)		Cllr Jonh Jo Leckie (JL)	√	Lorraine Ivory (LI)

	ITEM	Paper
1.	Welcome; Apologies  Minutes Sept 2024 Approved – Lorraine Ivory; Seconded – Colin Shearer	
2.	Head Teacher Update  <b>Parent Council, Calderhead High School Headteacher Report, October 2024</b>  <b>Staffing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Johnstone is acting PT Maths.</li> <li>I am retiring on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A request for expressions of interest as Acting HT will be made to all NLC Secondary Schools. The successful candidate will be in place under a permanent person is in place. (This may be the same person)</li> </ul> <b>DHT Appointment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a successful recruitment process, Graeme Russell has been appointed as permanent Depute Head. We had 15 applicants and put through 5 candidates for interview. A panel consisting of our Education and Families Manager, myself, a peer DHT from</li> </ul>	



	<p>Coltnech HS, the Chair of the Parent Council and the Secretary of the Parent Council interviewed each of these candidates before selecting Mr Russell as the successful candidate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We now have a vacancy for 0.4FTE DHT (Monday and Tuesday). I have asked for expressions of interest by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October with interviews on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul> <p><b>Management Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All NLC Secondary Schools are undergoing the 3 yearly Management Review. The school roll determines the management points for that school for the next three years. Due to our increase in roll, we have again gained management points. It is now up to schools to decide if they wish to change the management structure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Absence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our official attendance figure for 2023/2024 is 80%. Currently we are sitting at 81.5% for this session.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outward Bound trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 5 day reward trip at Loch Eil Centre, 18 x S3 pupils, was a huge success. We have booked for two groups of 12 pupils for the same week September 2025.</li> </ul> <p><i>John Robertson, Headteacher</i></p>	
3.	<p>MVP Programme  14 yrs within CHS  Over 20 staff trained  Two staff available to train  Looking to re-establish programme – input in P7 transition  Based on bystander theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice something is happening / skills to interact</li> </ul> <p>5 core components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring violence through a gender lens</li> <li>Developing leadership</li> <li>Using a bystander approach</li> <li>Exploring the scope of violent behavior</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging victim blaming</li> </ul>	
4.	<p>PCG meeting update</p> <p>Parent consultive group  Council officers in attendance – sharing best practice across NLC  Update from Education Chief Officers, Gerard McLaughlin &amp; Barry Smedley– presentation on attendance, parental input required on attendance. NLC worst attendance rate across 32 local authorities, push to get children into school  Issues of transport discussed – cuts to transport  Mobile phone policy  School uniform  Lack of offering for curriculum across NLC schools especially higher / advanced higher. Number of pupils wishing to do advanced higher very low, therefore only catering for small group. Big push for vocational qualifications. Hybrid model of teaching advanced / higher discussed.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning for cluster meeting</p> <p>MVP delivered by senior pupils to cluster parents – Feb 2025</p>	
6.	<p>Plan for the following year</p> <p>Nicola Stirling – study skills – Nov 2024  AGM – Dec 2024  Family Engagement Officer / attendance – March 2025 (Rachel Duddy)</p>	
7.	AOCB	
8.	Date of next meeting: 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 (S4 parent’s evening)	