

Calderhead High School Parent Council

Date: 5th September 2024

Time: 18:00

Venue: Calderhead High School Meeting Room

V	Audra McPhee (Chair)	V	John Robertson (Head Teacher)	Х	Maxine Paterson (Staff Rep)	1	Lynn Prentice (sectary)
V	Kirsteen Boyd (KB)	V	Gordon Muir (GM)	1	Lisa McAllister (LMcA)	1	Colin Shearer (CS)
	Kyrstie	V	Edward Ford (EF)	V	Lorraine Ivory (LI)		
Α	Cllr Margaret Hughes (MH)	V	Cllr Martin McCulloch (MMcC)	1	Cllr Jonh Jo Leckie (JL)	1	Nicola Stirling (staff rep)

	ITEM	Paper				
1.	Welcome; Apologies					
	Welcome and introductions					
	Minutes – Proposed – Edward Ford					
	- Seconded – Colin Shearer					
	Outstanding actions					
	CHS needs to allocated FESA, reason resource not allocated – engagement					
	now happening with Jane Rudock					
2.	Head Teacher Update – including SQA results / appeal process					
	 Headteacher Report, September 2024 Staffing New starts Katie Taylor, Home Economics Nicola Stirling, PT Pupil Support, Religious Moral Philosophical Studies Fiona McGough, Music, 0.6FTE Louise Boyle Art & Design, Permanent Pool (covering long term absence) Kate Sharp, Support for Learning, Permanent Pool, (covering a vacancy) 					



- Lyana Abraham, Maths, Supply (covering a secondment)
- Sara Dunn, English, Probationer
- Brian Feagan, English, Permanent Pool
- Mari Henderson, Modern Studies, PEF funded for one year

Absence

• In addition to those above we currently have two ongoing absences that we are covering internally at present but have reached out to supply staff on the NLC list.

Other

• Julie Johnston, Maths, is returning from her secondment on Monday 16th September.

PTs Pupil Support for 2024/2025

• Burns Katie Phee

• Fleming Nicola Stirling

• Lochhead Stephen Leitch

• Wallace Ros Ward/Rachel Duddy

DHT advert

 We currently have a National advert for a Depute Head Teacher, this closes on Friday 13th September. This vacancy is due to the retiral in August of Gordon Graham.

Outward Bound trip

• This reward trip at Loch Eil Centre is for five days for 20 current S3 pupils. They leave on Monday 9th September. The cost is being heavily subsidised by a grant from Outward Bound and supplemented by our own Pupil Equity Fund.

Reward Trip

• Reward trip to Blackpool will be the last Thursday in May 2025, three buses have been booked. Places will be allocated to pupils with at least a 90% attendance rate. The date is during the SQA exams and is just before the timetable changes.

Future Friday



• We have been unable to appoint a Principal Teacher, Future Friday since a resignation last session. The DHTs and myself kept it going until the end of last term. I have met with the NLC Education Officer in charge of Future Fridays to discuss options. He is currently seeking advice on next steps.

John Robertson Headteacher

GR to present next meeting on MVP Possibility of FESA to attend a future meeting following meeting with JR

School Priorities 2024/25

- 1. Reduce pupil absence
- 2. Improve learning, teaching & assessment (Hinge questions; use of different resources)
- Improve attainment (4th, 5th and 6th year studying in same classes by alignment of timetables)

Attendance 2023/24 - 82.5%; 2022/23 - 80%

180 schools <12% FME current figure 21.83% Higher FME entitlement linked to attainment

2024 - Increase in higher passes; slight reduction on N5 passes (386 – 345) – exam results from 2024 show widening in attainment gap. Results show an average year

How do you improve attendance to improve attainment?

4. Planning for cluster meeting

3rd October 2024

Cyber knowledge (Police) / MVP (Graham Russell)

5. Social media

Facebook 260 members

- Membership questions need answered for membership
- Emails and community events posted; posts closed to comments
- Questions posted to group privately



	- Members should be parents / careers of pupils	
6.	Plan for the following year - Study skills/ Support from learning (07/11/24) - Subject teachers - Go to websites to support homework / study (scholar; achieve; BBC bitesize)	
7.	AOCB Uniform – possible focus at future meetings	
8.	Date of next meeting: 3 rd Oct 2024 – Cluster meeting 7 th Nov 2024	