



Calderhead High School Parent Council

Date: 5th June 2025

Time: 18:00

Venue: Calderhead High School Meeting Room

√	Audra MacPhee (Chair)	√	Jennifer Di Mambro (HT)	A	Lynn Prentice (Secretary)	√	Gordon Muir (GM)
A	Lisa McAllister (LM)	√	Colin Shearer (CS)	A	Edward Ford (EF)	√	Kirsteen Boyd (KB)
	Cllr Margaret Hughes (MH)	A	Cllr Martin McCulloch (MM)	A	Cllr Jonh Jo Leckie (JL)		Clare Quigley (CQ)
ITEM							Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies Minutes Approved – Gordon Muir Seconded – Kirsteen Boyd						
2.	Proposal to Change Parent Council Constitution This meeting was scheduled as an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). The required notice and reason for the meeting was given. A proposal was made to change the date of the scheduled AGM, as per constitution, from December to September. The vote for this proposal was unanimous from those present plus an additional 2 votes, in absentia, from Lynn Prentice and Lisa McAllister in support of the proposal. Given support for this change, the Calderhead HS Parent Council AGM will now take place in September each year starting September 2025.						
3.	Consultation Learning & Teaching Policy Stuart Higgins (DHT) attended and presented the work to date that has gone into the new Learning and Teaching Policy. Feedback from the group was very positive in respect of the format and style of the document being professional yet user friendly and also the way in which the policy has been written with the end user(s) in mind. Thanks to Stuart for attending to present this to the group and to all staff involved with this work. Action: L&T Policy to be sent to PC for review						SH
4.	Consultation School Improvement Plan Jennifer Di Mambro presented information on the school improvement plan. Feedback was via round table discussion. Feedback form attached.						



How Good is Our School?
Calderhead High School?
Parent Council Consultation

Where are we now?
Where do we want to be?
What do we need to do to get there?

In partnership we want to evaluate the strengths of the school and areas for development. This will form part of the consultation for next year's School Improvement Plan.

Education and Partners Improvement Plan 2025/26

National Improvement Framework

Practice

- Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education
- Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
- Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people
- Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

National Improvement Framework

16 Drivers of Improvement

- School Leadership
- Teacher Professionalism
- Parental Engagement
- Assessment of children's progress
- School Improvement
- School-wide Information



As parents please comment on the following drivers:

Parental Engagement

Where are we now? (Evaluation)	Where to be want to be? (Ambition)	How do we get there? (Expectations)

Assessment of Children's Progress

Where are we now? (Evaluation)	Where to be want to be? (Ambition)	How do we get there? (Expectations)

School Improvement

Where are we now? (Evaluation)	Where to be want to be? (Ambition)	How do we get there? (Expectations)

In 2024/25 our 3 school priorities were:

Priority 1 Improve Pupil Learning
Priority 2 Improve Pupil Attainment
Priority 3 Reduce Pupil Absence

Performance Information

Where are we now? (Evaluation)	Where to be want to be? (Ambition)	How do we get there? (Expectations)

Thank you for your valued contribution.

Action: feedback to be sent to Audra MacPhee by Friday 13th June for collation.

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5.	Planning AGM / September Meeting • The September meeting will be our AGM. • Lynn Prentice, our secretary, will stand down at this meeting as Kris is leaving CHS having accepted a place on a modern apprenticeship course. We would like to make note of Lynn's contribution to the school and parent council during her years at CHS. Many thanks Lynn and very best wishes to Kris as he starts his next chapter! • The AGM will run alongside a session for new S1 Parents. It is proposed that Jennifer runs a session at the meeting, suggestions: Calderhead Values, CARES, L&T Policy. Parent Session – proposal for parents to take part – details TBC. PC to market meeting.	
6.	Head Teacher Update <u>Staffing (May 2025)</u> Acting DHT – David MacPherson started on 19th May Vacancy school: 2 DHTs & 1 PTPS Internal vacancies: PT DYW, PT Future Friday 2 new posts PT PEF Attainment & PT Engagement <u>ICT</u> Most recent update: 40 machines not compatible with Windows 11. Update at HT conference: NLC will support on a needs basis not roll requirement. This will be a 3-year rolling programme and schools encouraged to replace machines. <u>S5/6</u> Pupils returned on 2nd June to 3-day induction. This was focused on the role of the senior pupil, expectations, values, and leadership opportunities. All pupils participated in MVP training. Pupils selected from 1 of 4 community leadership choices: MVP Leadership L5 award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors St Andrews Hospice Ambassadors First Aid in the Workplace – L6 We also discussed the role of the Senior Officials and ideas to develop House Identity. <u>School Show</u> This year's show 'Little Shop of Horrors' will take place on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th June.	



	Thanks to Lauren Faulds & various other members of staff. We are extremely grateful for the support of Spotlight Shotts, in particular Mark Trainor. <u>Parental Engagement</u> The June Newsletter was issued on 2nd June. <u>Accommodation</u> I have requested some changes to the placement of CLD within the school. This discussion is ongoing but hopefully will be resolved before the start of the new term.	
7.	AOCB Outreach visits to primary schools in cluster – CHS PC committee have attended Dykehead and Alexander Peden to date. Contact has been made with Stane, Kirk O Shotts, and Allanton but as yet dates have not been forthcoming for us to attend.	
8.	Date of next meeting: • 4th September 2025 (AGM)	