**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting**

Caldervale High School

28th September 2022

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| Present | Apologies |
| Heather Kane-Darling, Chair (HKD) | Elaine Burns, Secretary |
| Danny McNulty , Head Teacher (DM) |  |
| Karen Turner (KT) |  |
| Karen Murray (KM) |  |
| Barry Polatajko (BP) |  |
| Lorna McGhie (LM) |  |
| Christine Campbell (CC) |  |
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**Welcome and Apologies**

* HKD opened the meeting and welcomed the new members who then introduced themselves.
* Minutes from last meeting agreed.
* It was suggested setting up a WhatsApp group to allow better communication between council members and HKD said she would complete this after the meeting.

**HT Update**

* DM had prepared a report for council which he presented at the meeting (report is attached)
* In addition, he reported school as fully staffed and with new roles hopes to have a wider remit and more focus on ASN and inclusion.
* Extremely happy to have the awards ceremonies back. KT fed back that the S1 awards could have had more explanation with regards to the different awards as for most of the S1 parents, this was their first time actually in the school.
* DM went into more depth on the SQA attainment which he described as ok but not where he would like to be. He will be going back to discuss and agree with teachers their plans to improve. LM asked for figures from the cluster group which were not available at the meeting as this would give a more accurate reflection rather than the Scottish average.
* DM proceeded to go over the schools main 3 priorities listed in the report in more detail.
* DM added that the school now had a “Campus Cop”. Local policeman Darrell Robertson had been assigned to the school. The role is very flexible and as well as a visible presence in the school, would be actively engaging with pupils both in school and outside, helping with PSE and Criminology classes.

**AOB**

* LM brought up communication in the school which was also brought up by KT and KM. Whilst there had been some easy fixes (more info in the title before sending out a group email etc), the council felt more could be done to engage with the parent forum. A request to list the many twitter accounts available to parents was another fix that DM said could be done quickly but would look at other ways to improve.
* KT asked about plans for the School Library after NLC’s decision to make all High School Librarians redundant. The librarian was currently absent which meant the library was closed at lunchtime and clubs were not being held. DM said plans were under way with regards to the English dept and senior pupils helping out and would look at getting it open again during lunchtime.
* CC commented that the transition for new S1’s had been well communicated and enjoyed and that it should be built on for next P7’s which DM said would happen.
* KM asked what the homework policy was with the school as there was little communication for S1 parents (now S2). DM discussed the issues with homework app Satchel and the move to Teams during Covid but agreed that the policy would need to be revised.

The next meeting is Tuesday 23rd November 2022 at 6.00pm in the school.

**Future Dates**

Agreed there will be further meetings in January, March, May and AGM. Dates to follow.