

**COATBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES****26/11/2013****7pm****Coatbridge High School**Attendees:

Karen Gilchrist, Margaret McEwan, Janie O'Neill, Janice Watt, Liz Reid, Douglas Hamilton, Clare

Apologies:

Cnlr Paul Welsh, Gary Martin, Karen Muircroft, Julie McAnulty,

**Welcome and Introductions**Discussion

MM opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

**Actions****Owner****Deadline****Minutes from last meeting**Discussion

Minutes proposed by MMcE and seconded by KG.

**Actions****Owner****Deadline****Head Teacher's Report**Discussion

Mrs O'Neill reported on a number of items –

- Start of prelims for S4 National 5 –
  - Assembly this morning / letter out this week.
  - No study leave – attend as normal.
  - Already sat Std Grade English.
  - Supported study – enhanced tracking and monitoring,
  - Use results in preparation for later in year.
  - No appeals –
    - Can have a recount of marks – if it goes against school, school has to pay costs.
    - Appeal only in exceptional circumstances (passing prelim / failing exam no longer grounds for appeal).
- 27<sup>th</sup> January S5 / 6 prelim schedule starts –
  - Support and encouragement from now through to January.
- Parental workshop last week – Social Subjects, English, Modern Languages, Science and Maths.
  - Suggestion to take workshops out into the community, change times, offer childcare options and change format e.g. light nights, later starts.
- Managing expectations – getting pupils to believe in their capabilities.
- All private study periods are supervised by senior staff.
- Aim to maintain results progression.
- Transition between all primary schools is very good –
  - PE activity for P7 in October.
  - 13 / 14 November – citizenship day for all primary schools, meeting new people, theme will be a crime investigation activity.
- Incentive programmes running –
  - S1 / 2 Hallowe'en Disco
  - Christmas Disco – Time Capsule for S3 / 4 Ice Disco
  - Winter Wonderland Ball 18<sup>th</sup> December – S6 Masquerade Ball in school, looking for local businesses to support e.g. Lees.

- 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Celebration – pupils showcase musical talents etc.
- School show to be announced next week.
- £4K raised so far for charity
  - £1627.63 raised for St Andrew's Hospice.
  - STV Appeal – JO'N and member of staff to attend event at Stirling Castle with First Minister.
  - Malawi fundraising – pupils worked over summer to raise funds. Model at school is really good, other schools looking to follow.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December NL Fashion Show at Motherwell Civic Centre – 4 pupils involved from school, £5 / ticket.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.
- Remembrance Service 8<sup>th</sup> November - £250 raised for Poppy Scotland and ex-member of armed services attended.
- Commonwealth Games –
  - Baton bearer – every secondary school asked to nominate a good role model, does well across school curriculum. Coatbridge High nomination is Christopher Truesdale – under 16 Scotland player, does well academically, modest and school Dux.
  - Hopefully Clyde (games mascot) will be visiting school before Christmas.
- Considering 'Zoning' school due to space available, particularly in inclement weather.
- Make some areas one-way / crowd control – to be phased in in 2014.
- Extension still being progressed.
- Key dates –
  - 12<sup>th</sup> December – S3 Parents' evening.
  - 20<sup>th</sup> December – dress down day (last day).
  - 6<sup>th</sup> January – school starts back.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> January – P7 information evening.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> January – S5 / 6 prelims start.
  - 28<sup>th</sup> January – S4 Parents' evening.
- 33 period week starts in August 2014 for all schools –
  - Various models under consideration – possibly all schools will work to same model.
  - Share resources across all schools and provide access to all.
  - At early stages – looking at options and timetable options.
  - Consultation with parents, pupils and staff on model options.
  - Availability of buses given primary schools use at key times currently.
- Learning & Teaching Policy – draft created
  - Voluntary cross curricular observations – would like to be visited / visit, rolled out next session.
- Praise Reps – pupil praise
  - HT praise cards – teachers can put forward pupils who deserve praise cards from HT (70 given out in the last week rewarding achievements / improvements).
- Visit to Calderwood Village (housing development at Sikeside) –
  - eEo-friendly.
  - Tour of houses being built.
  - Re-visit in a few months and see what has changed.

- Entrepreneurship talk – senior pupils attended.
- Learning hub – next to showhome.
- S3 pupils assembly – profile creation.

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### Parent Council Activity

#### Discussion

- Bingo night to be 25<sup>th</sup> February – bingo machine to be sourced (possible contacts for this).
  - Prizes from local businesses.
  - Pupil support will be available re ticket selling etc, possible house competition.
  - Raffle on the night – hamper, contact local shops / businesses.
  - £1 ticket – tea, coffee, sausage rolls, cakes.

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Further discussion required re Bingo night	MM	tbc

### Fundraising

#### Discussion

- Areas to fundraise for – Eco / Lockers – further discussion required.

### AOB

#### Discussion

- Senior Citizen Christmas lunches –
  - £1 ticket price.
  - Musical entertainment from pupils.
- Christmas Hampers –
  - Pupils to bring items in for distribution to local communities.
  - In-house competition – highest pile wins.
  - Last year 100 boxes were distributed.
- Additional meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January to discuss Bingo Night.

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