

**COATBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES****22/01/2014****7pm****Coatbridge High School**Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Gary Martin, Karen Muircroft, Julie McAnulty, Cllr Paul Welsh, Clare Tannahill, Martin Higgins, Allison Hood

**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 DH.

**Actions****Owner****Deadline****Bingo Night**Discussion

- Proposed that Bingo night is moved to May (lighter nights and hopefully better weather)
  - P7 nights in May so can include invite to them at this time
  - Date considered 21<sup>st</sup> May \*
  - Maximum of 150 tickets to be sold
  - Suggested that there is a computer app for bingo calling
  - Need to contact companies / individuals for prizes / donations for raffle
  - Draw up list at next meeting of prizes required
- Since meeting been advised that 21<sup>st</sup> May is not possible.

**Actions****Owner****Deadline**

Check bingo app  
List of CHS contacts who could be approached for prizes / donations

MMcE  
DH

**33 period week**

JO'N discussion / information provided –

- Keep lunchtime consistent across the week
- Teaching time will be 50 minutes / period
- Formalise where certain subjects will be offered
- Consulted with staff and primary schools, including neighbour St Patricks (i.e. time all CHS pupils leave at the end of the day)
- Possibly more after school clubs to be offered
- Advanced Highers may be offered at other cluster schools, local in first instance but wider if necessary
- Minimal feedback from parents and mainly positive comments received
- Letter will be sent centrally to confirm model being adopted.

**Action****Owner****Deadline****AOB**Discussion

- CHS has been asked to host 20+ international visitors (teachers and professors from across Europe)
  - Reputation for support to new teacher education / probationer
  - Links with Coatbridge College
  - Tour of school and meeting various people
- Education Scotland visit re CfE 14<sup>th</sup> February
- School Show – Little Shop of Horrors
  - Quite a lot of pupils have already signed up to take part
- Burns Supper 23<sup>rd</sup> January (at night 7 – 9pm) – tickets £1
  - S1/2 and S5/6 pupils involved
- P7 info evening
  - Around 200 parents attended
  - Parents were very interested and gave positive feedback
- S5/6 prelims starting
  - JO’N interviewing pupils re support they are receiving
  - Pupils very motivated
- S4 prelims taking place
  - Results to be analysed re further support
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prelims ongoing
- Progression Pathways
  - Drop-in re option choices for going forward
- Canteen
  - Removed shelving and moved tables creating more space
  - Queuing system in place – reduction in tension and pushing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year parent night – 28<sup>th</sup> January
- 20<sup>th</sup> February – wider achievement awards ceremony (afternoon)
- AGM – 14<sup>th</sup> May

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