Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 5 March 2014

Present: D King, J Adams, K Reid, J Miller, L Kerr, M Lawrence, A McSorley, M Mackie, S Munro

Apologies: M Arendarikova, M Mackie, S Munro

Minute

There was no minute available from the last meeting.

**Head Teachers Report**

* D King had her staffing meeting for next year. The school roll will rise to 435 approximately. This means a staff entitlement increase of 0.6. D King highlighted Science and Social Subjects as subjects with greatest need for extra staffing hours. D King has requested 2 probationers (0.8 each) one for Science and one for Social Subjects instead.. HR are aware of the request.
* The Job Description has just been completed for the teachers post of Inclusion. This should be advertised soon.
* There have been 13 Placing Requests into the school for S1.
* The new qualification s are proving difficult. There are lots of deadlines to meet during March and April. SQA are looking for verification for certain subjects, this involves pupils being out of class 2 or 3 times, sometimes for half a day or more. S4 pupils have been taken out of some core lessons (PSE, Core PE, RE) to allow them to catch up on work they miss.
* National 4 and National 5 pupils studying Chemistry were in the same class. These classes have now been split, D King has taken the National 4 pupils to allow L McLaughlin to take the National 5 pupils. This problem has already been solved for next year.
* B McAlinden (former Head Teacher) is working in the school as a consultant. He is working with S4 pupils. B McAlinden is working in schools across Scotland and has said concerns raised in Castlemilk High are being raised across the country but that the problems are all being resolved and worked through.
* There is a split across the school. Half the subjects are planning to stick with the old Higher course, with the other half delivering the new Higher course next year.
* The Indigo Group contacted the school. They would like to come to the next Parent Council meeting and introduce themselves to the Parent Council. This was agreed and K Reid will contact Steph Grant to arrange.
* D King distributed a document from Glasgow City Council outlining the Council’s Parental Involvement Strategy for 2014-2016. This includes the help available to support Parent Councils, training, financial help etc.
* D King told the Parent Council that the school Gardening Club is really starting to take off. There are different clubs on every night of the week.
* Fundraising continues in the school for the Uganda trip, the Manchester Trip, Yorkhill and the Pila Ski trip.
* Prelim results were pleasing. There is Hot Housing planned the day before each exam in April/May. National 4 pupils will remain in school while National 5 pupils will be entitled to some study leave. The last day S4 pupils will all be in school is 28 April.

**Fundraising**

It was decided that the Race Night takings will be split between the Uganda Trip and the School fund. The Maureen Cope Hall may be available for the 30th May, Fiona McGovern is looking into a venue. K Reid to contact Scott Anderson to ask for his assistance. S Munro will ask if Jim Hindson is available for the Disco after the Races finish. D King will ask for staff donations.

The staff and pupils involved in the Manchester United trip have a bag pack next week in Iceland at the Braes Shopping Centre.

**AOCB**

J Adams asked for new signatories for the Bank Account. J Miller offered to be one of them. She will take details to the bank.