Castlemilk High School PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6 March 2012 – 6.00pm

**Present**: M Mackie, M Taylor, S Anderson, A Anderson, R McLuckie, S Munro, M Arendariak, D O’Neill, J Miller, M Craig

**Absent:** M Taylor, J McCann

Minutes agreed from last meeting

**M Gunion update**

M Gunion welcomed to the meeting and thanked for coming to update Parent Council.

The HT post for Drumchapel High School has not been advertised yet. It will be advertised from 23 March with a closing date 2 weeks after that. D McMaster has been asked to stay in Drumchapel until a new HT has been appointed. M Gunion is positive that D McMaster will be back in position in Castlemilk High School at the start of May. She would be very surprised if D McMaster stayed in Drumchapel until the end of the school year. She gave her assurance that D McMaster had no interest in applying for the post and that she would be back to Castlemilk High.

S Anderson and R McLuckie again raised concerns that Castlemilk High Parent Council had no say in the matter and that Donna had been moved at such a critical time in the school year for senior pupils. M Gunion again said the choice was made as the Directorate had no concerns that this would impact the schools performance.

M Gunion will come to next meeting (24 April) for latest update).

**School Outdoor Centre**

R Gilliland (PT Technical) gave a presentation on the School Outdoor Centre (The Croft). The Croft committee would be delighted if the Parent Council would fundraise for items badly required in the Croft. The Parent Council agreed that this would be a good cause that would benefit many pupils.

**HT Report**

* Attendance 90+%
* The Faculty of Performing Arts held a fantastic parents evening, showcasing the highly talented S4, 5, 6 pupils in PE, Music and Drama. This now helps the pupils with their performance exams taking place over the next 2 weeks.
* The Parents Information Evening for senior school was held last night which went very well with parents receiving information on S5/6 choices, shared timetable with St MM’s, Careers, Higher Education, UCAS, Focus West top up programme and parents programme, Winter Leavers programme, Work Experience and Pupil Experience of Senior School (Abbie McKinnon). All delivered in 1hr 15 mins!
* The litter-free initiative in the social area is working! Pupils have music of their choice played if the social area is litter-free from the previous day.
* Castlemilk Kitchen is up and running. 20 S1 were involved this week learning about healthy breakfasts and making porridge and cereal bars.
* The S2 Personalisation and Choice interviews have been taking place all week with a high number of parents attending with their son or daughter.
* Allan Wood, Mary McKenna and a mini-bus of S1/S6 boys from the football teams drove down to Newcastle for the Newcastle game on Saturday.
* Pupil Councils have requested outdoor eating. Picnic benches have now been ordered which will allow for outdoor learning for classes and another social area for interval and lunch for staff and pupils.
* S5/6 Prelims are completed. From data collected so far it looks like an improving trend.
* QIO visit went well with positive feedback on learners’ experiences and our policies on classroom visits, staff training and meeting pupils’ needs.
* Castlemilk High School won the award ‘Glasgow Secondary Sports School of the Year 2011’
* S2 Parent Night and Information Evening went well
* Mrs Quinn accompanied a group of S4 pupils to college to experience first hand what computing courses and subsequent careers there are.
* The weekly Life – Link counselling service has started for pupils.
* Support for Learning held a workshop for Primary 7 parents and pupils who are part of the reading programme.
* Jo Livingston, PE Probationer of 2 years ago, is now covering Irene Campbell’s PE and PSE classes until further notice.
* Connor McCarron, S2, applied for a grant of 330 to set up his Castlemilk Library Movie Theatre. He was successful with his bid and has held his first event.
* The Valentines Disco went ahead with over 100 pupils S1-S6 having a great night.
* The CfE work undertaken by Suzie Young, Ross Reid and Gillian Molloy on Recognising achievement, Profiling and Reporting for Education Scotland has now been recognised as an example of outstanding practice. The related Open Doors event held was positively evaluated by the 36 teachers from across the city who attended.
* S4, 5, 6 Parents Workshops with Focus West took place last night with more than 20 parents as well as pupils in attendance.
* Stuart Munro has been nominated by D O’Neill for Scottish Education Awards in Teacher of the Year Category.
* There will be a 1 day Science Inspection – due 27th March, the Science Dept are preparing for this.
* The number of pupils sitting 5 Highers has dropped from 6 pupils to 4.

**AOB**

The Council agreed that they would raise funds for The Croft. They plan to run a Race Night on the 5th October. K Reid will ask for this to be placed on the School Calendar of Events. Various venues were discussed. A Anderson will approach some venues while D O’Neill will investigate the possibility of holding it in the School. J Hindson will be asked to DJ.

Comedy Night will be discussed at next meeting.

Values, Visions and Aims carried forward.