



## **Calderwood Parent Council - Minutes of Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (May)**

**Present:** Jill Loftus, Fraser Hamilton, Bronah Byrne, Ann Kerr, Linda Gardner, Jim Millar, Nancy Palmer, Ailsa McMillan, Gordon Brownlie, Jacqueline Chen, Angela Dobelis, Lucy Blake, Lesley Doherty, Lorraine Ross, Wilma Scott, Angela Caldwell, Wilma Scott, Lesley McAteer, Sheona Brightey, Simon Ross, Roz Haughey

**Guest:** Vetinia Gorman

### **1. Minutes**

- Previous minutes circulated via email and approved.

### **2. After School Care and Holiday Club**

- Vetinia Gorman provided summary document of the service she is hoping to provide at the school.
- VG also provided summary of the present stage her research is into possible set up of such a facility including liaising with Lets Department, Facilities department, review of feedback from parents, adverts for trained personnel in local papers, liaising with local job centre, discussions with Care Commission, disclosure etc.
- Members of Parent Council expressed some concern that the original paperwork issued to parents seemed to suggest that the Parent Council were partly behind proposed venture and opinion was voiced that any future leaflets/correspondence should ensure that it is clear the after school club is a totally separate business from the parent council and school itself.
- BB asked for confirmation whether VG has consulted Environmental Health. VG advised not yet and BB took contact details and will arrange for relevant info to be forwarded.
- Parent Council members agreed that having such a facility at the school would be welcome within the school community however some concerns were expressed over the proposed timescale for opening. It is understood that a substantial number of care commission checks, procedures, staffing including training, disclosure, lets agreements and structural changes are necessary prior to opening such a business at the school.

### **3. Correspondence & matters arising**

- Newsletters hard copies available but now e mailed routinely to PC members.
- Backchats for perusal by Council members.
- Leaflet received from Patricia Rossi regarding Attendance Councils as they are looking for volunteer parents to join the councils.
- Letter from Strathclyde Police, forwarded on by e mail.
- Letter from Fiona Hyslop & survey results. Consideration being given to whether road at side of Stonelaw is access road or residential road as different road traffic rules are applicable.

- New Banner unveiled. Banner to be used to discourage parents parking on access road to Stonelaw High car park and putting the lives of our children in danger. Art work from pupils to be used at the unveiling ceremony.
- Parent Council Newsletters for circulating & Conference date 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- E mails re the garden: Many thanks to all who turned up and worked really hard on Saturday. It was great to see everyone pull together and see the final result for the day. Pictures were taken and will be sent to the website so we can look back and then we can send more when project is complete.

#### 4. Head Teacher's Report

March

- 31 Oral health talks for P.7

April

- 1 Book Fair Assembly-Medals issued  
'Granny's Attic' Open Afternoon P.2

- 2 Easter Assembly with David Geddes  
Football v.Spittal. We won 14-3!

P.C.Easter Discos

- 3 2.30 Stop for Spring break.

4-26 inclusive-Holiday

- 27 Children resumed @ 9.00

P.7s had leavers photographs taken

- 28 H/T Curriculum Conference on CfE  
Football Tournament @ Spittal-6 schools

12 teams.Calderwood were overall winners-

Came back with shield to keep for 1 year and trophy for 'keeps'!!

Boys were so proud –so are we!!

- 29 P.2/3 to Library

- 30 P.5 Netball Tournament at Stonelaw

Sci-Fun here with Science activities for P.7

Burnside Primary came first then Calderwood had the late morning and afternoon slots.

#### 5. Voting on of new members

No new members put forward for election

#### 6. Sub Group Update - Finance & Events

- P7 Prom. Date now finalised for 11<sup>th</sup> June. ( Angela co-ordinating efforts ) Jill sorting cake. Crisps, juice etc to be ordered online. Discussion had re difficulty not having credit card as one of parent council members have to put Asda order on their own card and thereafter re-imbursed. Do not believe there is any other practical solution as Ailsa advised that business accounts have costs associated.
- Summer disco planned for 18 June 2009. agreed that last disco was great success and believe £300 was raised (?)
- School budget cuts - new website now up and running:  
[www.lanarkshire-parents-say-no.org.uk](http://www.lanarkshire-parents-say-no.org.uk) Petition currently has 60 signatures some of Parent Council have signed but some haven't.
- Have received some e mails of support and thanks and Gordon attended Parent Council at James Aiton to act as guest speaker to inform them of full implications of cuts. Plan is to reach first 100 signatures and then involve local media.

- Interviews for Head Teacher post due 11 June and representatives of the Parent Council are expected to sit on interview panel.

#### **7. School Uniforms**

- Ailsa reported on pricing issues and suggested increased charges in line with cost increase. Badges £3, now agreed £4. Senior ties £5, now agreed £6. Order form will need to be updated to reflect price increases.
- Parents night – Ailsa requested volunteers for manning uniform stall. Ailsa needs float and will email Mark. Also Ailsa needs assistance for P1 afternoon sessions again to man uniform stalls.

#### **8. Communications**

- Annual Report: Fast approaching time of year to produce annual report. Draft document is well under way. Will e mail to sub group to proof read and suggest alterations prior to end of term in June.
- Auditor lined up for this year again will be Mr Robert Paton and we are very grateful to him for his services.

#### **9. Parent Concerns & Future Plans**

- Wilma advised that Christine Walker from RSNO will run workshop for P3 in May 2009. PC to cover costs. Hopefully this will encourage pupils to audition for entry to RSNO Junior Choir. Auditions due June.

#### **10. Head teacher Retiring**

- Mrs Kerr due to retire at end of this school year after 28 years as head teacher at Calderwood Primary. Emotions ran high and sincere and heartfelt thanks were expressed to Mrs Kerr for her loyal service and dedication to all the children that have passed through the doors of Calderwood Primary. Subsequent to meeting Mrs Kerr advised that both Nancy and Jim intend to stand down from the PC at the end of this school year. Thanks also to both Nancy and Jim for their loyalty to Calderwood.

#### **11. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Peking Palace for end of year meeting and meal! Hooray!!!