

# West Calder High School



## Parent Council Meeting

Monday 28 August 2017

### Minutes

<b>Present</b>	A Hannah, F Wilson, B Martin, L Spencer, C Devoy, R Lawton, G Hunter, A Fong, K Haspolat, J Bruce
<b>Apologies</b>	J Sinclair, S Pryde, A Smith, D Roe, E Laird, A Lyall

Agenda Item	Action Points	Action
<b>Chair's Report</b>	FW welcomed Miss Fisher as the new Head Teacher and discussed the significant changes that have taken place in the school over the past year. It was agreed that the young people seem to have a much more positive attitude and that the school is a much more pleasant place to be. FW thanked all members of the PC for their support.	
<b>Head Teacher's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Staff Rep</u> - There have been no responses from staff yet to the invitation to join the Parent Council. The Head Boy and Head Girl will join the meetings for pertinent items.</li> <li>• <u>Recognising positive behaviour</u> - Parent, staff and pupils will be invited to take part in focus groups to discuss pupil equity. It is proposed that this take place during the week beginning 9 October. PC were asked to consider the organisation and timings of this for the next meeting.</li> <li>• <u>New Term</u> - There has been a very positive start to the new term. Pupils are receptive to removing all non-uniform items as they enter the school. The HT and staff are keen to build on the sense of calm. There were teething problems with the new timetable, but work has already begun on next year's timetable to ensure a smooth transition.</li> <li>• <u>Results</u> - There was a significant improvement in SQA results this year and staff are currently carrying out results analyses.</li> <li>• <u>Staffing</u> - 2 new members of staff will start in September: Ms Napier will be starting in Biology department and Mrs Brennan in Health and Food technology.</li> <li>• <u>New School</u> - The Head Boy and Head Girl have visited the new school. A re-branding is being considered and the Graphic Design team are working staff. Pupils and staff will be fully consulted on any changes.</li> <li>• <u>New App</u> - The school will be launching a new app soon, which parents can download.</li> <li>• <u>Website</u> - A new website will also be launched and will be supported by the local authority and will be linked to the new app.</li> <li>• <u>SIP</u> - This will be published at the end of the week. JF issued a copy of the new WCHS charter, which shows what every child should expect in every classroom. This has been launched to pupils.</li> </ul>	
<b>Election of New Members</b>	I McLeod and A Lyall have resigned from the Parent Council. There were no new members elected.	
<b>Election of Office Bearers</b>	F Wilson was re-elected as Chair: proposed by G Hunter and seconded by B Martin. A M Wardlaw was re-elected as Vice-Chair: proposed by B Martin and seconded by L Spencer.	
<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>	Tuesday 3 October Wednesday 6 December Thursday 8 February Monday 16 April Tuesday 12 June Monday 3 September (AGM) All meetings will take place at 7pm.	
<b>AOB</b>	Pupil Planners - There were no pupil planners issued this session.	
<b>DONM</b>	Tuesday 3 October at 7pm.	