

# West Calder High School



## Parent Council Meeting

**Thursday 8 February 2018**

### Minutes

<b>Present</b>	J Calder (HT), C Campbell (DHT), S Spencer, A Hannah, C Devoy, R Lawton, K Haspolat, A Wardlaw, B Martin, A Fong, S Pryde, A Smith
<b>Apologies</b>	F Wilson, E laird, D Roe

Agenda Item	Action Points	Action
<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b>	<p><u>Previous Minutes:</u> The previous minutes were proposed by A Wardlaw and Seconded by R Lawton.</p> <p><u>Staffing in English:</u> The post of English teacher is still being advertised. Current staff are working extremely hard to ensure that all classes get are taught by an English teacher at some point during the week. JC thanked the Department of all their efforts. There are no specific concerns from the PC at this time.</p> <p><u>Council Budget:</u> The budget is currently out for public viewing. E Cook is meeting with HTs on 14 February to discuss implications.</p>	
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p>JC gave the PC an overview of the refresh planned for the current curriculum. The main changes being:</p> <p>BGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A transferrable skills focus in S1 and S2</li> <li>• Introduction of short courses in S3</li> <li>• Languages no longer compulsory in S3</li> </ul> <p>Senior Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 2 year national course in S4 if appropriate</li> <li>• Some pupils, where appropriate, will study less than 7 subjects in S4</li> </ul>	
<b>School Holidays</b>	JC issued the PC the proposed holiday schedule for 2019/20. There were some concerns re the timing of the Easter holiday and the start of the SQA exam diet. JC informed the PC that the school will still be running an Easter study programme.	
<b>Leavers Hoodies</b>	FW has located a company who will produce hoodies for £15 or £18 (size dependent). The PC will continue to gauge interest in leavers hoodies.	PC
<b>New School Re-branding</b>	Following pupil and parental focus groups the colours of the school will remain as red and black. A group of S4 pupils is looking at designing a new school badge and are working with the architects. Again, following consultation it has been decided that all pupils from S1 will wear blazers. The PC generally agree with this. JC informed the PC that every pupil in the new school will have a locker. The pupil groups still want to keep the 3 ties: there will be one for S1-S3, one for S4-S5 and one for S6. JC would like to buy every pupil a new tie for starting in the new school building. SF agreed to find out how much is in the PC account and how we access these funds and how much ties cost from the supplier. RL asked if the school had considered the use of clip-on ties JC also agreed to investigate this option. JC will find out how big the new lockers are. AW will start an email discussion to explore fundraising opportunities.	SF JC AW
<b>AOB</b>	<p><u>Watersports:</u> Parents are concerned that the Watersports trip is returning to Prestwick airport and that parents are expected to collect their children. JC agreed that the school will provide a bus for this leg of the return trip.</p> <p><u>East Calder Buses:</u> the PC will put in a complaint about the condition of the buses from East Calder.</p> <p><u>Transport to Easter School:</u> Discussion followed re the difficulty of getting to the school via public transport. Holding study classes in cluster primaries was discussed as was providing transport during the holidays. This will be discussed further.</p>	JC
<b>DONM</b>	<p>Monday 16 April</p> <p>Tuesday 12 June</p> <p>Monday 3 September (AGM)</p> <p>All meetings will take place at 7pm.</p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	These minutes have been proposed by A Hannah and seconded by R Lawton.	