

CLYDEBANK HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 19th January 2016

Present

Lorraine Bonnar	Elizabeth Waddell	Karen McKinlay	Janice Hyslop	Elaine Bain
Scott McEwan	Emma Wheelans	Dawn McLelland	Gary Bowers	Linzi Clark
Fiona Shepherd	Jacqui Lynam	David Docherty		

Apologies

Sandra Lyden	Stephen McCauley	Karen Bacchetti	Tracy Currie
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	Discussion	Action Points
1.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Minutes Proposed – K McKinlay MInutes Seconded – F Shepherd</p>	
2.	<p>EIS Industrial Action</p> <p>Work to contract has started.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported Study has been suspended.• Supervision of corridors is also suspended <p>L Bonnar explained that she had been approached Radio Clyde asking for a statement in connection with the industrial action. She asked the council if they would like to issue a statement should she be approached again.</p> <p>S. McEwan asked “if future strikes date had been planned?”</p> <p>J Lynam explained that we are supporting workload within the school as much as we can.</p> <p>She went on to explain that Prelim support would be available to all pupils as normal. Specialist teachers will be available for any pupils who need</p>	

advice.

F Shepherd highlighted that with regard to National workload she totally supported the staff, but In terms of Prelims and pupils future she thinks it is crazy to do industrial action.

E Bain also supported and has sympathy of National workload, but asked the question “why is WDC going out on their own with this?”

J Lynam explained that the perception is that a move to Faculties will have an impact on workload for the class teachers.

J Hyslop was unsure and asked, “How does it work here at CHS?”

J Lynam explained how the structure would work in CHS.

F Shepherd questioned, “How can you go to your Faculty Head who is not a specialist in your subject?”

L Bonnar agreed stating, “That is what bothers me”.

F Shepherd stated “You don’t ask a plumber to do an electricians work, so how can this work?”

D McLelland explained that in most areas of employment, Managers do not necessarily have to know how to do the work of their colleagues, they are there to manage.

J Lynam explained all about the conditions involved in the 35 hour week – She also confirmed that it was difficult time we are working in, but the young person is a priority and we will do everything we can to support them.

S McEwan “Felt that since the council was not unanimous in their views of the Strike/Industrial action, possibly the statement should be to that we wish a speedy resolution to all of this.”

J Lynam stated, “ WDC are working with the unions to get a resolution.

D McLelland asked, “Who chooses which subjects to link up?”

J Lynam explained Stewart Young; previous Head Teacher was in consultation to choose partnerships of subjects.

D McLelland feels it is what it is; we will just need to get on with it.

J Lynam suggested that before you issue statements etc., “Why don’t you give the council more time to come up with answers?”

L Bonnar explained If we don’t all agree we should not make a statement

L Clark agreed we all have different circumstances; we all want different things that are why we don’t agree.

E Bain felt it would not be appropriate to make a statement at this point.

	<p>Prelims</p> <p>E Bain asked if in light of the Industrial action would pupils still be able to go and see teachers the day before an exam.</p> <p>J Lynam explained subject teachers will be available throughout the school. A timetable which was still in draft form at the time of this meeting, would be sent out to all parents and pupils and this would give information of what subject/teachers were available and when.</p> <p>J Lynam explained further that In the past the majority of pupils stayed at home during the prelims to study. Parents have been asked to Email/letter into school office for parental consent if they wish their child to stay at home to study.</p>	
3.	<p>Funding</p> <p>J Lynam explained that due to Supported study been suspended for the time being, CHS would give the Parent Council back their £5000 which they had given to the school.</p> <p>E Bain asked, “Why will existing clubs run and not Supported Study?”</p> <p>J Lynam explained that this was a school decision. After a recent EIS meeting there was unanimous decision to suspend Supported Study etc, but existing clubs would still run.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopeful of resolution by Easter to start up Supported Study. 	
4.	<p>Curriculum Personalisation and Choice</p> <p>J Lynam issued a Timeline, which she had shared with her PTs.</p> <p>E Bain felt that changing the timetable early (June), the pupils did not yet have results so how could they make the right choice.</p> <p>J Lynam explained they would choose choices as normal and after the exams a recouring day is available to all pupils to make changes.</p> <p>F Shepherd questioned, “What is the Dry Run?”</p> <p>J Lynam explained that a dry run was a way of checking the processes and of checking staffing.</p> <p>David explained to the Parents all about the forthcoming information evening on Tuesday 26th January 2016 for S3, S4 and S5 parents. The information evening will explain all about the model of CHS and the possibilities of options available to their children.</p> <p>J Lynam followed on by explaining a representative will be here from West College Scotland and this would be so at all Parents Evenings.</p> <p>D Docherty Spoke about pupils using facilities within the college for practical subjects.</p>	
5.	<p>Future Implementation of CHS Curriculum Delivery Model</p> <p>S McEwan, “What is the future implementation of CHS Curriculum Model?”</p>	

	<p>S McEwan went on to explain, “My heart says Yes. My head says No. You came from Dumbarton Academy who did not use this model, have you any thoughts about changing it?”</p> <p>J Lynam confirmed that her plan is to review it. Jacqui explained, “Yes, I think it works for some but not for others.” Jacqui followed on by saying she had recently met with some S6 pupils as part of a Focus Group, who raised the same questions.</p> <p>Discussion took part with the parent council members; again they were not all in agreement with the model. Some members were very supportive other felt a lot of questions still had not been answered.</p> <p>S McEwan felt there was a problem with tracking reports and measuring of performance. Tracking Report was issued and it is not what I was told at Parent Evening.</p> <p>E Bain explained that her experience of tracking report is that the teachers were putting in what the child would get a higher and not what they would get if they were sitting Nat5.</p> <p>J Lynam stated that SLT would look into this and feedback.</p>	
6.	<p>College Applicants and Personal Statements</p> <p>Karen McKinlay explained that as a parent she was very conscious that school has taken lots of time for university applications, but done absolutely nothing for college</p> <p>P Stormonth suggested the college had more time as it was not until the end of January before they application had to be in.</p> <p>J Lynam confirmed that Universities deadline is earlier than college. Jacqui also explained that each pupil would meet with the Career Office. Jacqui stressed that this was plenty time to feedback to College</p> <p>K McKinlay did not agree and felt College applications should have been started much earlier.</p> <p>D Docherty asked, “What closing date were you given?”</p> <p>K McKinlay, “Is college application taking second place to university applications?”</p> <p>J Lynam agreed a bit of equity is needed here!</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>K McKinlay asked, “Are we losing the House Groups?”</p> <p>J Hyslop – Industrial action have any effect on results getting back after Prelims?</p>	<p>Jacqui explained we were not losing House Groups.</p> <p>No this would not have an effect, staff would be available to mark papers and get results back as quickly as</p>

	G Bowers asked if there was any thought about having the Honours Board updated at end of Academic Session.	we can.
8.	Parent Council Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 8th March 2016• Tuesday 26th April 2016• Tuesday 7th June 2016	