



## Our Lady's High School Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

**16 February 2009--Draft**

**Present:**

Bernard Love - Head teacher and Adviser, Colin Findlay, Suzanne Graham, Bernadette Welsh, Louise Cunningham, Allan Baird, Jim McDermott , Margaret Dochненко, Pat Davis, Nicholas Murphy ,Cairan McCarroll

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Gerry Boyle, Fr Miller,	
2	<b>Opening Prayer:</b> Colin opened the meeting with a prayer and extended a welcome to all present	
3	<b>Minutes of Previous meeting: 1 December 2008:</b>  The minute of the previous meeting was accepted as accurate. Proposed by Louise and seconded by Margaret.	
4	<b>Matters Arising:</b>  <b>Childcare Provision in N.Lanarkshire:</b> A report was made to the Parent Consultative Group regarding pre school provision within NLC by Lesley Ann Henderson. Parents are to be encouraged re consultation/participation  <b>Curriculum for Excellence - The National Perspective:</b> presentation made to Parent Consultative group circulated. Emphasis on CfE is a process not an event. Parent Councils should be involved with the rolling out of CfE within their school. Will be a standing item on agenda.  <b>Timetabling:</b> A general concern was raised re timetable for Standard Grade prelims and the impact of the Christmas Concert. Bernard Love explained the issues re holidays etc and a general discussion followed. Bernard Love took note of all comments and will ensure timing of individual exams is better explained to pupils in future but will still ensure as always that teaching time is maximised.	SG

	<p><b>School Trips:</b> A discussion took place re the timing and notification to parents re trips and costs. It was suggested that in either the newsletter or P7 information night that parents were advised of the likely trips taking place in OLHS and the approx costs as most of the trips are an annual or bi-annual event.</p>	BL
5	<p><b>General Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Resignation:</b> Colin advised that the resignation as a PC member had been received from Marguerite O’Raw due to family commitments. Colin thanked Marguerite for her participation and hoped she would rejoin if circumstances change.</p> <p><b>Additional In Service Day:</b> Notice received from Jane Liddell that an additional in service day on 1/5/09 to be used for CfE. Discussion followed re information for parents and could seminars, in service days etc be provided. Colin and Jim will take forward to PC Group.</p> <p><b>Notification from Cllr Ross:</b> Cllr Ross had advised that he had not been receiving minutes. This has now been rectified.</p> <p><b>PC Newsletter:</b> circulated.</p>	CF/JMcD
	<p><b>At this stage in meeting we were joined by PTA members: Maureen Dunn, Carol McShannon, Helen Duncan, June Findlay, Frances McDevitt, Bernadette Lamarra, Carol Davies , Vincent Mathieson: staff rep.</b></p>	
6	<p><b>Rectors Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan for Cala Homes estate for the site of Motherwell College circulated. At present 234 units of mixed sizes planned. No start date as yet.</li> <li>• Gifts from trip to Pistoria on show at meeting and will be displayed in the Citizens Café.</li> <li>• Copy of 09/10 School Handbook circulated.</li> <li>• CfE: copy of the slides used at in service day circulated by Bernard who discussed the content in detail.</li> <li>• Education Sunday: Thanked all staff involved and Colin commended the content of the newsletter which was available on this day.</li> <li>• Parent Newsletter: circulated</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernard advised that approx £ 10,000 of improvements have been made to the lighting and sound system within the school theatre.</li> <li>• Attendance Council: Parent Representation: Volunteers still required and would be approx 2 hours of time every 4/6 weeks. Suzanne to try for more information</li> </ul>	SG
7	<p><b>Chaplains Report:</b></p> <p>Lenten preparations underway.</p>	
8	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
9	<p><b>PTA Report:</b></p> <p>Quiz night: St Brides Hall 24/4/09. Tickets available</p>	
10	<p><b>Student Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern expressed by the pupils as to timetabling of S5/S6 prelims: Bernard Love advised that this had already been noted and that different formats were tried at different times but it has been agreed that this year's format would not be repeated.</li> <li>• Students had participated in all trips in February, Rome. Pistoria and London and had a great time.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin again mentioned the generous offer by Raymond Lunny, OLHS FP Operatic Society, to engage in any fund raising activities. This is an offer which can be considered for possibly after the school show in June.</li> <li>• School Show is Guys N Dolls to be held in middle of June.</li> <li>• Maureen Dunn advised that the PTA is very short of funds and would ask all to think of ways in which to raise monies which in turn benefits all the pupils within the school. The possibility of a Summer Ceilidh was put forward as the Hogmany Ceilidh at St Brides is very successful. Colin will make enquiries with Brian Reynolds.</li> </ul>	CF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff/Roll changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is likely the roll will increase by 15/20 pupils</li> <li>○ IC Technician appointed to a new post: Mr Murray</li> <li>○ Mrs Kerr: Modern Languages has now left to go to Taylor High</li> <li>○ Mr Miller: Drama: will be leaving at school year end.</li> <li>○ Mrs Anderson and Mrs Cooper are both about to go on maternity leave.</li> <li>○ All posts will be advertised.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Attendance at Mass for pupils whilst on school trips was discussed. It was agreed that such attendance should be included in the planning of all trips from the outset.</li> </ul>	
12	Date of next meeting:  Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm	All

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