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| **Castlehead High School Parent Council**  **Minutes of Meeting 29/01/2025** | |
| **Present** | **Karen McArdle (KM) Chairperson**  **Caroline Johnstone (CJ) Chairperson**  Gordon Menzies **(GM) Headteacher**  Iain Stephenson (**Treasurer)**  Alison McKeary **(Secretary)**  Lesley Turnbull  Elaine Wong |
| **Minutes of Previous Meeting** | Previous minutes agreed |
| **Head Teacher Report** | The school experienced a really successful Christmas period. First school Christmas Fayre a success having a real community feel about it. Can look to build on things that worked well for future events.  Prelims were all complete before the unfortunate school closure. Once all exams are marked results will be assessed and support measures put in place for those that require it.  Scoping for options due to commence with w/c 3/2 – Option booklets issued, w/c 10/2 -scoping exercise complete, w/c 17/2 – final options issued for S2 and the following week for S5/6. w/c 10/3 Individual interviews commence.  28/5/25 – Provisional date for Award Ceremony  S6 Graduation 24/4/25 (Now changed to 22/4/25) 4.30pm start  One/possibly 2 teaching posts will be advertised.  Diversity wall has been created by pupil leaders. PC had a chance to visit at the end of the meeting.  The school have purchased 10 new picnic benches which are now in place in the courtyard.  Prelim Assessment Consultation  Consultation currently in progress on the possibility of moving from prelim diet to assessment blocks. Several schools in Renfrewshire have moved wholly and partially to this form of assessment. Pupils and staff will be surveyed as part of the evaluation process. Discussion within the group around the pros and cons of each method with individual members voicing their own personal preferences. There was a consensus that pupils should at some stage experience full exam conditions prior to undertaking SQA exams. |
| **Treasurers Report** | School Christmas Fayre – PC Stalls £588.36  Current Balance £5400 |
| **Other Matters Arising** | School Lottery – Requires a new named contact and documentation submit to council. Caroline Johnson volunteered and necessary paperwork complete A Mckeary will submit to the council. |
| **AOCB** | Fundraising  Discussion around the success of various stalls/games at Christmas Fayre and what didn’t work so well. Good foundations to build on for next year. Possibly look at the timing and target stalls appropriately.  A couple of new ideas discussed and possible timings. |
| **Date of next Meeting** | Next Meeting – Wednesday 26th March 2025 |