

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 12th November 2014 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: PARENTS – Ian McIntosh (Chair) Sanat Mehta, Diane Dakers, Connie Hume, Lesley Smith, James Meneely, Gordon Ford, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Lindsay Strickland, Valerie Chisholm, Mark Taylor, Sandra McDermid, Jacqueline Keenan

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Kash Ali, Graham Smith, Mags Jerfel, Karen Armstrong, Dana Fowler, Rob Catterson, Grace McCarthy

1. INTRODUCTION

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. Alex McMillan has resigned by letter.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (8th October)

Minutes approved and seconded. They will be entered onto the school's website.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (8th October)

- Diane confirmed that the PTA had been reimbursed from SPTC.
- Shona has emailed Connie with the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Cathy agreed to attend the Parent Equality Forum.
- Council Budget consultation meeting - Sanat agreed to attend on the council's behalf.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Ian received information from the National Parent Forum who have produced a report on parents' needs and views in relation to assessment in Curriculum for Excellence. The report called, "Sharing Learning, Sharing Assessment" can be downloaded from their website: <http://www.parentforumscotland.org>

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Staffing Update

No change. Ruth Gow PT of Business Education has started. There has been an increased interest in Music and with the school role growing it has created a vacancy in this department. Closing date 23rd November with interviews to take place on 3rd December.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) **Election of Vice Chair**

Shona had emailed all members looking for interest in the above post. Karen offered but said due to work commitments she may not be able to attend every meeting. James also wished to nominate himself for the post. It was agreed that James would become our Vice Chair, and was seconded by Diane. Ian welcomed James into his new position.

b) **Council Budget savings proposals and meeting 19th November**

The forthcoming council meeting was discussed. It was decided that Sanat would represent the council on the 19th November. (only one member from each Parent Council is allowed to attend). Head Boy and Girl from each high school will be attending as well. You can have your say by going into the East Renfrewshire webpage, [http:// www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk) click on *Shaping our Future*, then onto *Citizen Space*. You only have till 5th of December to enter your comments. Shona has been asked to text parents with the above link for their comments.

7. **AOB**

Gordon was delighted to inform us that the under 14 boys football club beat Paisley Grammar 5-3. A great result.

Diane raised her concerns regarding her daughter's English teacher Mrs Smith, who is due to go off on maternity leave very close to the main exams in April. Stuart said that Mrs Smith is well aware and is aiming to have everything covered well in advance of her leaving.

Mark mentioned that at the back gate across the road the street light is disappearing with the trees. Stuart said that he would contact the Parks Dept.

Cathy asked why the gate at the back has stopped being locked. She has noticed that the school grounds are frequently being used by dog owners. Stuart will speak to the Janitors.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 8pm November 2015

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