

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 20th January 2016 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: PARENTS – James Meneely (Vice Chair), Gordon Ford, Lindsay Strickland, Valerie Chisholm, Jacqueline Keenan, Sanat Mehta, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Rob Catterson, Mark Taylor, Graham Smith, Gordon Wallace, Dana Fowler,

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

APOLOGIES: Ian McIntosh, Diane Dakers, Karen Armstrong & Adele Thomson

1. **INTRODUCTION**

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11th November 2015)**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (11th November 2015)**

No matters arising from minutes

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Staffing Update**

Stuart was happy to confirm that Eastwood are fully staffed at present.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) **Verbal Feedback from the Inspection**

Great feedback. Can't directly compare to previous inspections as every year the 'How Good is your school' criteria changes. Stuart said that there were a couple of development points in the report which he will be discussing with the staff on the inservice day in February. Stuart thanked the parent council for giving up their time to support the school. Cllr Gilbert congratulated Stuart and his staff for an excellent report. Stuart was delighted that the inspection highlighted that the the children (the pupils) "showed each other respect and kindness". Valerie mentioned that mentoring in classrooms was an excellent idea.

Gordon Wallace asked what the pupils thought of the report. The Head Teacher discussed the report at the year group assemblies. He mentioned to them that they should be proud, an outstanding achievement.

- b) **Discussion of Eastwood High School Curriculum rationale/model**
The Head Teacher gave a presentation to the parent council on the above. Everyone agreed that they were strongly in favour of the rationale model that Eastwood High operated at present.

7. **AOB**

Cathy represented the council when she attended the Parents Equality Forum in January 2016. Please see attached information sheet on the 4 main topics of conversation.

**Meeting dates for the Parent Council for 2016: Jan 20th, Mar 2nd & May 4th
(AGM will be held on Wed 4th May 2016)**

Next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 8pm

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