

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 4th May 2016 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: PARENTS – Ian McIntosh (Chair), Gordon Ford, Lindsay Strickland, Valerie Chisholm, Jacqueline Keenan, Sanat Mehta, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Rob Catterson, Mark Taylor, Gordon Wallace, Dana Fowler, Sanat Mehta, Diane Dakers, Sandra McDermid, James Meneely, Adele Thomson

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

APOLOGIES: Karen Armstrong

1. INTRODUCTION

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (20th January 2016)

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (20th January 2016)

No matters arising from minutes

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Information has come by email regarding the National Strategic Conference which is due to be held on Wednesday 14th September. Shona will forward an email to our members inviting them if they wish to identify a piece of good work/success story/or example of good practice involving parents and families in their children's learning.

The next Equality Forum meeting is due on 12th May at Mearns Primary at 7pm. Cathy will attend on our behalf.

Next Chair's meeting will take place in June.

Stuart mentioned that the East Renfrewshire's Quality Improvement booklet is now available for any members to take away tonight.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Staffing Update

Stuart mentioned there are a few changes. We now have filled our French/Spanish vacancy. The new appointment will be from Stirling High. Due to cuts and with class sizes in Maths and English may be being increased from 20 to 30, there will be no permanent posts in both these subjects. Lauren Baillie will remain in English and take up her temp 1 year post from August. Sarah McCloskey, our NQT this year will return in August and Paul McCann who has been with us this year will also return in August, both to the Maths department.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) DHT Posts pending

There has been a review in education with regard to how many deputies each school should have. Eastwood's has the exact quota of 4 deputies for 1000 pupils. As we never replaced Alan Richmond with a permanent post we now have two acting deputy vacancies. We will be advertising for one and the other post will come from another high school who have more than their allowed quota. The interview will be held on 26th May with short listing to take place next Tuesday. Short listing will take place at Eastwood with Stuart, as well as a member of education and a parent council member. The interview panel will consist of Stuart, a deputy from another school, someone from education and two parent members. Anyone wishing to take on this role must firstly have completed East Renfrewshire's Recruitment and Training Course. Rob and Ian said that they would be more than happy to be on the panel but Rob wasn't too sure if his training had expired. Shona will contact education and let him know in a couple of days.

b) School Building 3 year Occupancy evaluation

Eastwood will soon have been in its building for 3 years. We are due to have a technical survey (CO², temperature etc) completed by Arcaida on 16th May. The company are interested in meeting groups of pupils, teaching staff, non-teaching staff and a focus group of parents. The meeting will take place on 24th and 25th May (24th will be at 4pm). Stuart is keen to involve parents who were involved from the very start and is looking for volunteers. Diane, Jacqueline, Rob, Dana, Gordon and Cathy are interested in being involved if time permits. Stuart mentioned that there would be survey monkey questionnaires distributed to everyone.

c) AGM

Ian asked the members to elect a chair, vice chair and treasurer for the next session August 2016. The council decided to re-elect Ian as Chair, James as Vice Chair and Diane as Treasurer. Diane mentioned that it would only be for one more year as her daughter will be leaving next year. Valerie mentioned that she perhaps could shadow Diane this year with a view to take over the post next year. It was agreed that Ian would send a letter to all non-attending members of the parent council.

7. AOB

Ian wished Stuart the best of luck as he has been nominated for the Times Education Supplement Head Teacher of the Year. He is one of 10 finalists from across the UK and the award ceremony will be held in London on 24th June.

Stuart and Ian thanked our four members who were leaving us, Mark, Sanat, Jacqueline and Karen. Over the years they have been a great asset to the Parent Council and will be sadly missed. Gifts were presented to them.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 8pm

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