

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Sanat Mehta, Diane Dakers, Graham Smith, Mark Taylor, Lesley Smith, Grace McCarthy, Jacqueline Keenan, Kash Ali, Andrew Keir, Karen Armstrong, Mrs Taylor, Susan Clark

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

**APOLOGIES:** Alex Stewart, Gordon Wallace

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Sanat welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that everyone a lovely summer. Apologies were noted.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (1<sup>st</sup> May 2013)**

Minutes approved and will be entered onto website,

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES –1<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

Nil

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter of resignation from Mehmood Mir, due to work commitments he can no longer attend.
- b) Date of forthcoming meetings of the Parent Council Chair.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a) New Building Update**

Tour to follow at the end of the meeting.

Technical department are in the process of designing our school badge onto acrylic and then it will be placed onto glass (which was removed from the old school before demolition) and will be made into a commemorative plaque.

**b) Staffing Update**

Sandy Jamieson (DHT) turns sixty on Friday and is due to retire at the September weekend. His position will be advertised shortly.

Mrs Kendall (French/Pastoral Care) and Mrs Doherty (English) will both be going on maternity leave soon and their positions have already been filled.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a) School Attainment presentation 2013**

Stuart gave the parent council a full update on Eastwood's results this year. The best set of results ever.

K Armstrong very impressed by the amount of pupils that attend vocational courses at Eastwood. University is not for everyone.

**b) Parent Council vacancies and possible election**

As Mehmood has resigned and Hazel and Margo have left due to their children leaving Eastwood, we now have vacancies on the Parent Council. Shona will issue a letter to all parents inviting them to complete the tear off slip if they are interested in joining us or perhaps the PTA. Sanat suggested perhaps in the letter we could ask parents if they have any skills that they would be willing to share with the school on maybe perhaps an ad hock basis.

**c) Tour of New Building**

Stuart accompanied the parent council round the new school. G McCarthy mentioned that her son had said that the queues at lunch time are very long. Stuart said that he hadn't noticed, but did say that most pupils are fed by 12.45. We now have different areas for the pupils to purchase food, we have more tills operational than before and we now have a system where pupils can pre-order their lunch.

**7. a) Capelrig House**

The 'what to do' with Capelrig House has been transferred to Ian McLeod at Thornliebank. Sanat has had no reply to his letter.

Next meeting will be **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 8pm**

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