

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 5th March 2014 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: PARENTS – Sanat Mehta (Chair), Ian McIntosh (Vice Chair), Mark Taylor, James Meneely, Gordon Ford, Jacqueline Keenan,

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

APOLOGIES: Diane Dakers, Andrew Keir, Michelle Keir, Kash Ali, Graham Smith, Mags Jerfel, Karen Armstrong, Lesley Smith, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Dana Fowler

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Sanat welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 22nd January 2014**

Minutes approved and will be entered onto website.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES –22nd January 2014**

Recruitment and Selection Training on Wednesday 12th March will be attended by Gordon and Connie (12.30pm - 2.30pm, Barrhead Council offices) and Jacqueline and Grace (6.30pm - 8.30pm, Williamwood High School)

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sanat provided us with a copy of Briefing Notes No 77 which detailed the council meeting of 29th January in which the proposal for the mosque to be built in the grounds of Eastwood High School was rejected.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **New Building Update**

Stuart confirmed that BAM will hand over the school at the end of May. Still a few snagging problems but nothing too serious. The landscaping work at the back of the school has been put on hold at the moment until the weather becomes a little drier. The soil is too wet to plant trees or to turf. They are hoping to complete landscaping at Easter time. The woodland walk will be completely opened once ground is landscaped.

b) **Staffing Update**

The school will be advertising for an Art, Biology and a temporary Maths teacher Stuart is concerned at the ongoing problem the council is having with trying to secure supply teacher cover. We are happy to say that we have started a Chemistry teacher but unfortunately it is taking a little longer to find a Home Economics Teacher. Stuart is worried of the possible impact on attainment if the problem is not rectified.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) Feedback from planning proposal decision

Ian attended the council meeting and said that it was certainly an eye opener into the workings of the local council. Not a pleasant experience.
Kash (who sends his apologies) wished to say well done to everyone who helped to make to proposal rejected.

Sanat wished to thank Ian and the sub committee for all their help.

b) AGM

The Chair position was filled by Sanat Mehta (unanimously agreed, re-elected for another term, seconded by Ian McIntosh)

The Vice Chair, Ian McIntosh was re-elected, seconded by Mark Taylor.

Treasurer position is filled by Diane Dakers at present. Unfortunately Diane was not at the meeting but will be contacted in the near future.

We would like to amend our Constitution but unfortunately we cannot due to the low number of parents in attendance at the meeting.

Stuart confirmed that the Parent Council's finance was fine and nothing was owed.

7. AOB

Stuart informed us that the school has been involved in short film making which will be used on the East Renfrewshire's web page to promote the school.
Scottish Future Trust was also in the school last week to make a short film.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 8pm

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