

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** PARENTS – Ian McIntosh (Chair), Diane Dakers, Lesley Smith, James Meneely, Gordon Ford, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Lindsay Strickland, Valerie Chisholm, Jacqueline Keenan, Kash Ali, Graham Smith, Karen Armstrong, Dana Fowler, Rob Catterson, Susan Clark, Gordon Wallace

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

**APOLOGIES:** Sanat Mehta, Connie Hume, Mark Taylor, Ailsa Connelly

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4<sup>th</sup> March 2015)**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015)**

- a) Susan confirmed that she has updated SPTA with Ian's contact details.
- b) Charlie has still to look into the trees at the back gate which are over hanging onto the road.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Ian received information from the National Parent Forum which would be of interest to our members. This meeting was attended by Rob and Karen. Rob confirmed that the meeting was very well attended. The general consensus of the meeting was that primary school parents gave positive feedback and they had confidence in the school whereas secondary school parents felt that the schools were result driven. Pupils feel that teachers are under pressure with the new National 5 exams which rubs off on them. Parents of senior pupils thought that maybe perhaps the examination board hadn't considered carefully the time management for pupils in upper school ie not having enough time to complete folio and course work.

Rob suggested that perhaps more guidelines from an early stage ie. S1/S2 to pupils would help them make their option choices easier which in turn would help with their future employment.

Karen commented that pupils need more individualism and an ability to be innovative.

Stuart said that if seniors wish to organise work experience for themselves in S6 we will accommodate them and perhaps it could be longer than a week.

Rob mentioned that we really need a link between school and industry.

At our next meeting in September we will discuss further how we can bring the link of employment to pupils perhaps through their parents.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a) Staffing Update**

We now have a new Home Economics teacher. Susan Govan (PE) will be reducing her hours and this will be covered by a new teacher and an NQT. Today we have employed two new Maths teachers, Paul McCann (who was with us last year) and a Miss McArdle. We still have two permanent posts to fill, with Jill Graham retiring from RMPS and Lawrie Curran retiring from History. These interviews will take place shortly. There will also be vacancy in English.

We will have two Acting Pastoral Care vacancies, one for Susan Govan and the other for Nikki Kendal who will be going on maternity leave. These will be internal vacancies. Alan Richmond will be retiring in the summer this will create an acting post. Kash asked how the chemistry situation was progressing. Stuart confirmed that Kirsty Jamieson was back to teacher on a phase return.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) Presentation to parents about GLOW – Margaret McCartney
- b) Promoting Improved Behaviour and Ethos – Susan Foster

**7. AOB**

Ian would like to thank Susan, Connie & Lesley who are stepping down as members of our Parent Council. On behalf of the Parent Council we would like to thank you for your contributions and support over the many years that you have been with us.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 8pm**

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