

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 7th May 2014 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: PARENTS – Sanat Mehta (Chair), Diane Dakers, Connie Hume, Jacqueline Keenan, Graham Smith, Grace McCarthy, Karen Armstrong, Gordon Wallace, Lesley Smith, James Meneely, Gordon Ford & Cathy Wilkie-Thompson

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

APOLOGIES: Andrew Keir, Michelle Keir, Kash Ali, Mags Jerfel, Dana Fowler, Alex McMillan, Susan Clark, Mark Taylor,

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Sanat welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5th March 2014**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES –5th March 2014**

Nil

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

East Renfrewshire's Draft Local Improvement Plan 2014-2017 was emailed to all members at Sanat's request.

Next Equality meeting will be held in Eastwood High School on 15th May at 7pm. All welcomed.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **New Building Update**

The building will be signed off on 31st May. Stuart has had his final meeting with BAM, a few issues still to be resolved but nothing major. Some grass seed has been sown but still to wet to complete the large area at the back of the school. This will have to be done once the weather becomes drier and may have to wait until the summer.

Gordon Ford asked if the tubs beside the main entrance could be filled with plants etc. Stuart explained that the school grounds will be maintained by East Renfrewshire Council and will commence from 1st June.

b) **Staffing Update**

Margaret Cameron, Maths teacher (.5) will be retiring in June and will be replaced by our new NQT in August.

Debbie Rutherford, French teacher will also be retiring in June.

Billy Hood and Graeme Gardner both from Senior Management will also be retiring at the end of June. Interview for their vacancy will be held on the morning of 6th June. Stuart requires two members of the Parent Council, who have been trained on Recruitment & Selection, to be present on the interview panel. It was agreed that Jacqueline Keenan and Connie Hume would be present on the panel.

Gayle Barr this year's NQT was successful in gaining a full time post in the Biology department.

Laura Mair our NQT from last year has gained an Art full time post and we have a new Maths (temp) teacher starting from August.

Unfortunately we are losing Julie McGavigan, from the Physics department. She is moving back to Falkirk. The Karate club which she runs after school will still continue as she has organised another teacher to take over from her once she leaves.

There will also be a maternity cover teacher required for music due to our faculty head Elaine Regan having her second baby.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **AGM**

(separate minutes, attached for AGM)

b) **Curriculum for Excellence Presentation**

Stuart gave a brief presentation explaining the structure that East Renfrewshire adopted with subject choices from S2 through to senior school.

c) **Film Clubs in Schools**

Nicole Dempster (S6) our Scottish Parliament Youth representative approached Cllr Gilbert about a film resource about Scotland that could be used in school as part of the Commonwealth games legacy. Thanks to Cllr Gilbert our teachers now have this great resource.

7. AOB

Lesley raised her concerns (on behalf of Alex McMillan) regarding the lack of cooking being offered to pupils in Home Economics classes due to not having a permanent teacher. Stuart confirmed that they are still having trouble obtaining a teacher to replace Phillipa Craig, who is off long term sick.

Lesley asked if perhaps with the Duke of Edinburgh Award, it would have been good to have had a parents meeting to discuss what the award entailed. It may be too late for this year but perhaps it could be arranged for the coming year. Stuart said it has taken them by surprise at how popular it had become.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 8pm

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