

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 6th September 2017 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: James Meneely, Gordon Ford, Valerie Chisholm, Gordon Wallace, Umair Khan, Sarah MacLeod, Adele Thomson, Cathy Wilkie-Thomson

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

APOLOGIES: Ian McIntosh, Lindsay Stickland, Rob Catterson, Memoona Khan,

1. INTRODUCTION

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (10th May 2017)

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (10th May 2017)

Ian has been in touch with Joe regarding the SQA change, only giving teachers access to exam papers the day after the exams. Other schools have raised the same concerns.

Regarding the crossing at the top of the steps there is now a pavement which Cathy confirmed had been implemented by the Crookfur parents, to give parents a safer route if walking with prams etc. Stuart asked Cllr Gilbert if he could enquire if a pelican crossing could be installed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Equalities Forum

Dates for Session 2017/2018: Thursday 14th September 2017 (Mearns Castle High School), Thursday 18th January 2018 (Mearns Castle High School) & Thursday 10th May 2018 (Mearns Primary School) all meetings will commence at 7pm.

b) Staffing

Ross Williams (PE Teacher) was successful in gaining the Pastoral Care post.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) **HT Attainment Report 2016/2017**

Stuart presented the council with his annual attainment report. This year's S6 results were the best since he became Head Teacher 2004. Due to new housing in the local area, Eastwood's school role has increased to 1030 making some of our year groups full.

It was discussed by the parents that the last week of term (before the summer holidays) is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade their children to go to school to due them telling their parents that 'no one else is going in' or that they were not being taught anything. Stuart explained that it was difficult for a teacher to teach a class with only a few pupils in it. It was discuss that perhaps the council could write to East Renfrewshire council relaying their concerns regarding pupil absences at the end of term (especially summer) and maybe suggesting a different end day for holidays ie Friday rather than a Wednesday for last day of term).

b) **Parent Council Vacancies**

We have 9 vacancies due to members leaving. Shona will organise a letter to be emailed to all parents asking them if they would like to join the Parent Council/PTA or both. We are looking for replies to be returned by 21st September and they will be invited to our next meeting in November. If we happen to have more than 9 replies it will be taken to ballot.

c) **Crookfur PSSafer routes to School Campaign**

see item 3.

7. **AOB**

Nil

Next meeting will be Wednesday 15th November 2017

Meetings for the following Session 2017/2018:
6th December 2017, 28th February 2018 & 9th May 2018 (including AGM)

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