

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 30th May 2018 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Ian McIntosh, Valerie Chisholm, James Meneely, Rob Catterson, Adele Thomson, Natalie McMillan, Katy Berry

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

APOLOGIES: Dr Arezu Bari

1. INTRODUCTION

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (30th May 2018)

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (30th May 2018)

a) Road Crossing Update

Stuart attended a site visit with the Roads Department from East Renfrewshire Council. After walking towards Patterson train station and back it came to light that the road is too steep with too many bends to relocate the crossing. The best place for the crossing is where it is situated at present although they have decided to improve the lighting at the crossing which will help both pupils and drivers over the winter months.

It was also decided that they would re-align the back gate bringing it more into the school grounds as well as re-aligning the fencing and extending it which would make viewing easier for vehicles travelling in both directions.

Stuart confirmed that the work should take place over the summer holidays.

James asked if there could be warning signs on approaching the crossing. Stuart confirmed that in fact there was sufficient signage on both sides.

b) Eastwood Art Work

This item is to be carried forward till our next meeting in September. We are still looking to see who owns the keys for the picture boards at the station.

4. Correspondence

Governance Review. Shona to email to all members.

INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Staffing Update

Gayle Hanvidge (Home Economics), Louise Darroch (Drama) and Claire Shannon (Maths) have all recently gained permanent posts at Eastwood.

Emma Matheson will start in August in the English department. She visited today and is from Buckie High School and is also qualified in Media Studies. Ian Brown from Bishopbriggs Academy has successfully gained the PT of Pastoral Support who replaces Janice MacGregor who retires in June. Ian's subject is PE.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) **Neilston Campus Consultation**

Neilston Campus Consultation is now live. Ian said that it might be a good idea if the council put forward a response to the consultation. The new campus would combine St Thomas Primary school/Neilston Primary school/Madras nursery. This report is issued as a formal consultative document and will be made available to all interested parties. A copy of the report is available for inspection at the affected schools including the family centre and at the Council's Head Office, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, G46 6UG; and at the Council Offices, 211 Main Street, Barrhead, East Renfrewshire, G78 1SY. An electronic version can be accessed at the East Renfrewshire Council website. Link below.
(www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolconsultation).

b) **Eastwood Park Leisure Consultation**

There are 4 proposed options;

The **first** option of carrying only essential maintenance as required would mean that there would be no large scale expenditure or enhancements to the current facilities.

In the **second** option set out in the consultation, the current centre would be refurbished at a cost of around £11m. This option would require the centre to be closed for at least 12 months and would extend the lifespan of the building for another 10 years at most.

In option **three**, a redevelopment of the leisure centre on the current site is being put forward, which would cost around £16m, offering a lifespan of an additional 10-15 years.

The **final** option is the potential to creating a new leisure centre on an alternative site within the Eastwood area for around £25-30m.

The consultation, which asks residents to rank the four options in order of preference, will run for six-weeks and close on Tuesday 19 June. Once the responses have been collated a paper will be presented to councillors at a future meeting to outline the next way forward.

Click on link if you wish to participate

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/9585/Eastwood-leisure-consultation-launched>

c) **Draft School Improvement Plan**

Stuart gave the members a draft copy of the school improvement plan to read and asked when read if you have any comments to forward them to Shona before 20th June.

d) AGM

i) Approval of Financial Statement. Valerie confirmed a donation of £400 to the school on behalf of Eastwood's PTA.

ii) Election of Office Bearers

Chair Ian is now stepping down as Chair due to his son leaving school, it was agreed and seconded that James Meneely would become our new Chair.

Vice Chair Adele volunteered to take over the position as Vice Chair and this was seconded.

Treasurer It was agreed that Valerie would remain in this position and well as Shona remaining as **Clerk**.

7. AOB

Stuart presented Ian with a gift thanking him for all his support and encouragement he has given the parent council over many years. He will be sadly missed. Ian said he has enjoyed his time as a parent and as chair and has thoroughly enjoyed being involved in his children's education.

James said that he would also on behalf of the parent council members thank Ian for providing support to Stuart and the council over the many years.

To finalise Stuart thanked all our members for their support and wished everyone a happy summer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 8pm

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