

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 23rd January 2019 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: James Meneely, Valerie Chisholm, Adele Thomson, Sarah MacLeod, Natalie McMillan, Nick Bothwell, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Moira Forbes, Jennifer Nesbitt, Rob Catterson, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson

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

APOLOGIES: Dr Arezu Bari, Dr Umair Khan, Katy Berry, Umza Khan

1. INTRODUCTION

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11th November 2018)

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (11th November 2018)

a) Road Crossing Update

Stuart confirmed that Ruth Adams has been out to visit the site and work will be completed by the end of this financial year. The fence will be re-aligned at the back gate, pulling it back towards the school. This will increase the area at the crossing and enhance the visibility for drivers. Moira asked if there could be more signage on approaching the crossing but Stuart confirmed that there is in fact plenty of signage on the roads.

Stuart mentioned that they have tried on numerous occasions to ask the Council for a 'push button' crossing but they have stated it was not the right kind of road for this crossing.

Cathy said that all East Renfrewshire schools will have traffic surveys conducted in their areas before the end of January.

b) Psychology Services

Due to the council's budget report being published later on in February, we will discuss the impact of this service at our next meeting in February.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Equalities Forum – Wednesday 23rd January 6pm. Unfortunately no one was able to attend this meeting due to it coinciding with our own meeting.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Staffing Update

Megan Anderson (Music) has just started her maternity leave and we have been very fortunate to secure 2 teachers to cover Megan's post. Due to Amelia Bryce (Drama) still on her Acting Principal Teacher post at Woodfarm there will be no school show this June. Chris Deans who is in covering for Amelia in Drama has secured a 0.4 post at Craigholme School and will be leaving mid February.

We have 2 Principal Teacher vacancies, which will close on Sunday. Interviews for Principal Teacher of Social Subjects (due to Marion Williamson retiring) and the Principal Teacher of English and Literacy (due to Susan Foster being promoted to a Depute post on Arran) will take place before the February holiday break.

Stuart is looking towards planning for the next year and has requested that if any teacher is thinking about retiring, reducing their hours or resigning that they inform him shortly with the details. There will be further changing to staffing which once confirmed will be discussed at a future meeting.

6. DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

East Renfrewshire Digital Learning Strategy

Stuart gave all members a copy of the above for the members to peruse over.

Stuart mentioned that there is a Digital Schools Award (Scottish Government) and it would be good for the school could aim for this award. It would involve the pupils meeting a certain criteria and then being inspected.

7. A.O.B

Eastwood's Improvement Plan 2019-2020, in draft form will be discussed at our next Meeting.

Stuart was delighted to announce that we have had positive feedback from a recent Transition Review which took place in November which included our cluster primary Schools. The full report hasn't been issued yet but will be discussed it at our next meeting.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 8pm

Future meetings: 29th May '19 (which will include the AGM)

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