

WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 24th August 2015

Present : Pramurta Majumdar Karen Hussain
 Corinne Durand (V/Chair) Melanie Whyte
 Ralph Robertson Cress Maher
 Bobby Caldwell (Chair)

In Attendance:

Willie Inglis (HT), Annette Ireland, Anne Davidson, Abid Mohammed

1&2 Introduction & Apologies

Apologies - Ailsa Crum, Roddy Wilson, Paul Deverill, Steven Galloway

The Parent Council wishes to congratulate Mr Willie Inglis on his appointment as the new Headteacher of Williamwood High School.

BC reported to the Parent Council that Allan Boyd has decided to step down as a member given increased work commitments. Allan passed on this comment "I have greatly enjoyed being part of the PC. It has been a great pleasure working with everyone over the 8 years I've been involved. I am proud of the work we've done and I wish everyone well. I am truly sorry to be leaving but life and work demand otherwise."

The PC thanked Allan for his contribution over many years and wished him well.

3 Minutes of and points arising from the previous meeting

No points arising not covered elsewhere - March minutes approved subject to minor amendments.

4 Headteacher's Report & Staff Report – Willie Inglis

WI ran through a number of the events that have taken place recently -

- the Portacabin in the car park is the temporary location for the Cartmill Nursery and will be in place until a permanent site has been agreed and developed

- S1 Freshers Fair will be on Friday 21st August

- Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions

WI then presented a breakdown of exam results in 2015

There are various metrics measured by the SQA which capture different stages and levels of attainment

- a) 5+ passes at L5 (S4)
- b) 3+ passes at L6 (S5)
- c) 5+ passes at L6 (S5)
- d) 1+ passes at L7 (S6)

For a) WHS figure is 85%; ERC 72%; Scottish national 37%
- this is the highest ever attainment figure for WHS, possibly the best performing S4 in Scotland

For b) WHS figure is 75%; ERC 64%; Scottish national 37%

For c) WHS figure is 50%; ERC 42%; Scottish national 13%

For d) WHS figure is 42%

In WI view a rather more useful figure is represented by the percentage of pupils who attain 5+ passes at L6 by S6 - 68%.

In WHS 97% of S4 pupils go into S5 & 95% of S5 pupils go into S6.

For 2016 the school's priorities are :

- to maximise the Nat 5 results
- to maximise the Higher results
- to improve outcomes by gender
- to improve outcomes for the lowest performing pupils
- to increase the number of S6 pupils gaining 5+ Highers

5 PC Events for 2015/2016

i) Young Musician of the Year - does the PC wish to be involved in this project again? Some discussion around this and whether the school could take the existing template and run the event itself? Or given the PC was fundamental in securing sponsorship from the Busby Hotel - are relationship we would be keen to maintain, should we not still help to organise things?

Action - CM & KH to speak to Catherine Selbie

ii) Parent Conference? - WI asked for various topics that could form the basis of discussion for workshops or a series of seminars at a forthcoming parent conference

- some suggestions were exam results, sports, clubs, options choices, GIRFEC, management structure, CfE, PSHE, achievement, school trips, school ethos, SDS, careers & guidance

iii) PC / PC - joint project with the Pupil Council? - initial thoughts on developing a joint project with the Pupil Council? to provide some sort of social event for elderly / lonely people in Busby / Clarkston?

Netherlee has previously organised a tea party - who & how?

Action - BC to arrange initial meeting with WI to explore further.

iv) Mapping school partnerships? - brief discussion around the fact that WHS seems to have partnerships - in some shape or form - with 95 organisations - including the Institute of Rocketry! There must be some project which can help to make better use of these relations and / or explain this to the wider Parent Forum.

Action - further thoughts / suggestions for next meeting

6 Flying Start event - update

BC reported that he had emailed 36 people on the FS list in connection with Marc Falconers idea re talk to senior pupils - S5 primarily - about employment in their chosen field, to tie in with the Careers Fair week during October 26th - 30th.

To date there have been 11 responses, all forwarded to MF.

There was some discussion about attending the S1 Parent Information evening to promote FS.

Action - BC to email PC for volunteers.

7 Parent Council grant

The grant for 2015/2016 will be similar to the previous year - £800.

Thoughts on how this should be spent are welcome to form the basis of discussions at future meetings.

8 AOCB

There was no other business.

Dates of future meetings:

5th October 2015 - AGM

16th November 2015

11th January 2016

29th February 2016

25th April 2016

6th June 2016