

WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 2nd March 2015

Present : Ailsa Crum Allan Boyd
Pramurta Majumdar Cress Maher
Cllr Ralph Robertson Karen Hussain
Bobby Caldwell (Chair)

In Attendance:

Willie Inglis (Acting HT), Shirley Gibson, Helen Rogers

1&2 Introduction & Apologies

Apologies - Corinne Durand, Mary Montague, Stewart Miller, Paul Deverill,
Roddy Wilson, Alan Lafferty

3 Minutes of and points arising from the previous meeting

No points arising not covered elsewhere - January minutes approved.

4 Headteacher's Report & Staff Report – Willie Inglis

i) Events – below are some of the events which have taken place so far this session (more information available on the website):

- Options evenings for S5 & S4 and S2 Parents evening
- Holocaust Memorial event
- Prelims for Nat 5's & Highers - SQA very impressed with efforts of pupils
- Extra In-service day to develop new Higher materials

ii) Future presentations?

- S6 destinations?
- Structure of subject choices? e.g. in BGE choices at end of S3, but in ERC pupils have achieved outcomes by end of S2, therefore can choose 8 subjects to study in breadth & depth

5 Flying Start event - update

WI updated the PC with recent information

- school is looking at work placements during the period of study leave in May
- parent involvement in interviews for university has been very helpful - results so far regarding interviews for medicine - 3 girls have been accepted for Glasgow; significant increase on last year.
- KH suggested that there may now be enough information to consider another FS newsletter (once YM prog is finished!)
- PC should convene a meeting with the staff who are implementing FS & determine what is working, what could be better & update FS data

- Action**
- **BC** to arrange meeting for May
 - **AB & WI** to discuss another Interview Support session

6 Young Musician of The Year

The tickets & flyers are ready, programme almost - est print run of 200?
PC members will attend WHS on Saturday mornings to help promote the event and sell tickets.

RR volunteered to take flyers to some local residential homes.

The Malawi group will also help to sell tickets.

The Busby Hotel has provided a gift voucher of £50.

All seems to be going well!

7 GIRFEC - Presentation - Shirley Gibson (DHT) & Helen Rogers

(This item was taken at the beginning of the meeting)

This presentation showed the PC what steps the school and ERC have taken in terms of developing the GIRFEC agenda for education.

GIRFEC (Getting It Right For Every Child) provides a framework to ensure that each child in Scotland has the best possible start in life, taking into account education, health, social justice etc.

This is determined by a number of indicators - known as the SHANARRI indicators - showing how the child / young person is Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.

SG gave an overview of the history of the legislation including most recently the Children & Young Persons Act 2014 which introduced the Named Person and the Child's Plan.

The PC participated in a task to gauge how well we as parents thought the school met each of these indicators and to suggest examples of such.

[WI - will this presentation be available on the website?]

8 AOCB

i) John Fitzpatrick - retirement - some suggestions were made e.g. a painting / collage / weekend break - also to consider whether to seek contributions from the wider Parent Forum. Decision needed by next meeting 27th April.

ii) Parent Council grant - With additional books, subscriptions and awards the PC grant for 2014/2015 is now spent.

iii) PTA Quiz - Friday 13th - anyone interested in representing a PC team contact BC

Dates of future meetings:

27th April 2015
8th June 2015