

**WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PARENT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Monday 29th February 2016**

**Present :** Karen Hussain  
Roddy Wilson  
Cllr Ralph Robertson  
Melanie Whyte (Vice-chair)  
Bobby Caldwell (Chair)

Corinne Durand  
Pramurttta Majumdar  
Cllr Gordon McCaskill  
Ailsa Crum  
Shabana Noor

**In Attendance:**

Willie Inglis (HT)

**1&2 Introduction & Apologies**

Apologies received from - Abid Mohammed, Steve Galloway, Cress Maher, Cllr Mary Montague, Cllr Stewart Miller

The PC welcomed Shabana Noor, attending as an observer with a view to joining the PC.

**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**

WI ran through a number of the events that have taken place recently, among them the following :-

Scottish Studies Burns Lunch  
S6 Options Information Evening  
Holocaust Memorial Day  
Morgan Sindall visit to DAT classes  
Malawi Burns Supper  
Junior Ski trip to France.

#### i) Parent Conference

This event will take place on the 19th of May. All parents will be invited. Parents who do attend will be asked to choose two options for discussion. Options may include Teaching & Learning, GIRFEC, Learning Pathways. Discussion and any subsequent information may help to inform WHS Parental Engagement strategy for future information events.

WI addressed a few items that had been raised by PC members

#### ii) Assessment & Appeals

There appears to be a great deal of assessment generated as a result of how CFE has been implemented. Each unit has an assessment; then a final exam and an assignment; current view is that there is too much assessment and that the system will improve with the level of assessment likely to change.

With regard to Appeals - now the Results Service. Exceptional circumstances appeals may be submitted in the case of illness or bereavement. The SQA will also look again at a paper to judge whether a mistake has been made if the final result is significantly different from that predicted - but the mark can go up or down. The fee is £39 and parents do not pay.

BC to write to Joe McLauchlan at NPFS to determine what input parents had to these changes.

### **5 Joint Project with Pupil Council - KH & BC**

i) Burns Lunch - general view was that it was very well organised and well received by all participants. Many thank you cards & messages sent to the school. See short video on website.

ii) Tea Party - suggested date 2nd June - sharing information of old school days. Next meeting 15th March - more information to follow.

### **6 Flying Start**

Now seemed a reasonable time to assess the impact of Flying Start over the past couple of years. After numerous attempts to encourage parents to get involved in a wide range of FS activities and persuade pupils to engage in work experience opportunities - it seems clear that the focus of FS, where it works well is twofold - i) university entrant interviews and ii) information PSHE sessions - quite clearly not work experience.

It was agreed that this will be the focus of FS from now on. The PC received a report from Ryan McAllister on FS activity. Using this information along with some additional information from Marc Falconer, KH will draft a newsletter for the school website.

There was also a suggestion that the Guidance Team could suggest themes - WI to follow up.

## **7 AOCB**

i) Recruitment - BC to use meeting of ER Parent Chairs to make arrangements to visit all three PS PC's in Williamwood cluster, to encourage new parents to become members. Also WI to seek views of Sen Man Team re interested parents.

ii) Events to attend -  
a) S1 Parents evening - 5th May (4-6.30pm)  
b) Parent Conference - 19th May (7-9pm)  
c) S3 Parents evening - 9th June (4-6.30pm)

iii) Parent Council Grant - approx £700

iv) Williamwood HS 10th Anniversary - linked to iii) above; will co-fund along with PTA, badges for all pupils - preference for 2nd or 3rd examples on proof sheet.

v) Next Equalities Forum meeting - Thursday 12th May at St. Lukes HS, 7pm

vi) National Improvement Framework - discussed at the ER Parent Chairs meeting - see handout. The NIF seeks to build on CfE and improve attainment, reducing inequality, improve health and wellbeing and improve employment skills. See website or link below for more information.

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/2016/01/07/national-improvement-framework-in-a-nutshell-2/>

vii) PTA Quiz Night - Friday 11th March, 7-11pm, £5

viii) Major school trip for 2017 - China - approx £2,500

### **Dates of future meetings:**

25th April 2016

6th June 2016