

WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 11th January 2016

Present : Abid Mohammed
Karen Hussain
Cllr Mary Montague
Cllr Alan Lafferty
Melanie Whyte (Vice-chair)
Bobby Caldwell (Chair)

Steve Galloway
Cress Maher
Cllr Ralph Robertson
Pramurtta Majumdar
Cllr Stewart Miller

In Attendance:

Willie Inglis (HT)

1&2 Introduction & Apologies

Apologies received from - Corinne Durand, Ailsa Crum, Roddy Wilson

3 Minutes of and points arising from the previous meeting

No points arising not covered elsewhere - November 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 :-

Anti bullying week - Laura Harkins + WHS's ABC (anti-bullying committee).
Produced video used at assemblies plus PSHE lessons.

Parents Night for 5th & 6th year pupils.

Hairspray (musical) played over three nights in December to full houses and much applause.

A Higher information evening for parents of S5 pupils.

School conducting an internal review to identify underperformance

5 Joint Project with Pupil Council - KH & BC

See separate notes of meetings on 26th November and 15th December. Next meeting on 14th January.

6 AOCB

i) Recruitment - KH

At present there are 10 parent members of the Parent Council and a similar number for the PTA. Recruitment has been low for a few years and we need to consider ways to try to increase the number of parents involved.

Three suggestions -

- a) link more closely to cluster PS PC's and try to recruit from them
- b) ask year heads to nominate parents that they consider engaged?
- c) feedback PC achievements & outcomes to explain what PC is doing

ii) Events to attend - nothing at present

iii) Newford Grove Nursery - discussion over the implications - both long & short term of ERC planning application and some aspects of local opposition. A report was presented to the PC that showed how ERC had examined the basis of objections relating to traffic & environmental issues, and had taken some of these issues in to account when submitting a revised planning application. Most parents members were not fully aware of the issues and the decision was due to be taken by ERC the Wednesday following the meeting. On that basis it was agreed that the PC would take no formal position on this matter.

iv) Parent Council Grant - ask Pupil Council for views & feedback to next PC meeting

v) Williamwood HS 10th Anniversary - linked to iv) above

vi) Next Equalities Forum meeting - Thursday 14th Jan at Woodfarm HS

vii) Flying Start - update & next steps

- a) PM has been coaching a pupil for Cambridge entrance exam - decision by 12th Jan?
- b) WI to forward information from Ryan McAllister

viii) Parking issues- concerning parking at school especially on Saturday mornings when it is extremely busy with sports and music classes. Although not strictly WHS responsibility, there is concern at the lack of awareness shown by

parents who park in inappropriate places and do not show consideration for other drivers or more importantly pedestrians.

ix) Lunch - concerning charges for lunch portions - given that a full lunch is reasonable at £?? but a slice of pizza say and a muffin is £??; why the difference?

x) Diversity & Anti-Bullying - suggestion that native language speakers could be asked to be involved in strategy to tackle anti-bullying; reference also made to the Bridges Conference on 4th March & White Ribbon campaign (links below)

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/5793/Bridges-to-change-equalities-conference>

<http://www.whiteribbonScotland.org.uk>

Dates of future meetings:

29th February 2016

25th April 2016

6th June 2016