

**WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PARENT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Monday 13th June 2016**

**Present :** Abid Mohammed                      Melanie Whyte (Vice-chair)  
Cress Maher      Steve Galloway              Ailsa Crum  
Roddy Wilson              Pramurta Majumdar  
Cllr Ralph Robertson              Bobby Caldwell (Chair)

**In Attendance:**      Willie Inglis (HT)

**1&2 Introduction & Apologies**

Apologies received from - Karen Hussain, Corinne Durand, Shabana Noor  
Cllr Stewart Miller Cllr Alan Lafferty

**3 Minutes of and points arising from the previous meeting**

No points arising not covered elsewhere - April minutes approved.

**4 Headteacher's Report & Staff Report - Willie Inglis**

i) As usual, many events have taken place recently, among them the following :-

Pupils recognised at Covener's Awards  
S6 Graduation  
S1 & S3 Parents Evenings  
Bronze & Silver DofE expeditions  
Malawi, London & France trips

More information and more events on the school website.

ii) Parent Conference – feedback was very positive with some good sessions. Of particular note were UCAS with perhaps more of a focus on community & voluntary activity; Navigating Teenage Years & the CV workshop. It was suggested that some of these be run specifically for the pupils.

iii) Tea Party – was considered a very good event, despite fewer guests this time round for various reasons. Again pupils provided entertainment and hospitality.

## **5 Flying Start**

Aiming to have short newsletter posted on the website by the end of the week.

The impact of the 'Developing the Young Workforce Report' is part of Laura Cheyne's remit

## **6 AOCB**

i) Recruitment - BC met with the Chair of Netherlee PC on 29th April; attended the Carolside PC meeting on 24th May; email contact with Busby PC.

Attended both P7 Parents Information evenings, along with MW, resulting in 12 people expressing interest in joining the Parent Council.

ii) Buses – First Bus provides an extra 3 buses for the school both am & pm, however the first two weeks of term is usually a problem, with no extra buses provided. Kate Sinclair is in regular touch with First Bus. To avoid overcrowding, it was suggested that one bus could start from Netherlee; or schedule two buses at the same time?

iii) Big Day Out – this was raised because some parents expressed a view with regard to the cost of events. WI stated that this was certainly not run on a profit basis. Prices for activities ranged from £15-£60 with the more expensive ones usually involving a coach trip e.g. Alton Towers (numbers for which are decreasing). It was stated that some people had problems booking online and WI said he would look into that.

iv) China Trip – this was suggested as a replacement for a World Challenge trip which fell through. It is very expensive. Most trips are posted on the website at the beginning of the year. It was suggested that parents might find it helpful if indicative costs (e.g. previous years?) could be posted as well as a rolling two-year plan?

v) IT – some generic problems with IT system raised, especially payments.

vi) Equalities Forum (AM) – last meeting was a showcase for a number of schools presentations, including an Anti-bullying video by WHS pupils.

vii) Ham Radio (PM) – suggested that this might be something that WHS pupils & staff may be interested in. NASA school project was cited as a good example. PM to provide more information and contact details.

viii) SPTC (KH) – course on Parent Council essentials – very good and highly recommended.

**Next meeting – first of the 2016/17 session**

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016