

The Parents' Council of Williamwood High School
Meeting held 9th January 2017

Attendees:

Melanie Whyte, William Inglis, Felicity Rose, Judith Currie, Karen Hussain, Cress Maher, Roddy Wilson, Ralph Robertson, Stuart Miller

Apologies:

Malcolm Foley, Steve Galloway, Claire Jeffrey, Simon Cunningham, Roddy Wilson, Mary Chau, Ailsa Crum, Emma Spicer, P.S. Majumdar, Abid Mohammad, Jen Dickson, Lisa Gold, Mary Montague

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved,

Mr Inglis confirmed that ERC were currently covering the 1.29% flat rate fee for debit and credit cards that Parent Pay charges

Report from Headteacher

WI gave a short report on the activities this term:

- S2 stem day
- Nat5/ Higher discussion evenings
- Anti-Bullying Campaign
- PTA Raffle via parent pay made approx. £1000
- S3 team came 3rd in the Silverburn Dragons den competition
- D of E awards ceremony
- Pupil conference
- Christmas Fayre
- Question time, Drama – Blood brothers, Nat 5 and Higher Art exhibition, Christmas Dances.

Flying Start Update

- The extra meeting was held in November and had been constructive.
- Email will be sent to all Parents from MF – reply should be via survey monkey and not to school. **Action MF**
- School will send info on the replies that Malcolm has already had from previous volunteers to update spreadsheet.
- School are planning a 'speed dating' event for pupils to interview various parents about careers.

Cost of School Trips -Discussion

- WI explained the school approach to school trips. It is difficult to plan in advance as trips rely on availability of teachers. The school tries to have a range of trips at different prices. but there is a high demand for places even on the most expensive trips.
- Big Day Out – suggestion for school based opportunities, bubble football, golf, tennis, cineworld, and trout fishing. Pupils to suggest trips.
- DofE – expensive but due to lack of available teachers the outdoor centre is the only option. DofE via the scouts is a much cheaper option.

Annual Grant

- Discussion on possible uses – Big Day In, cover costs of more activities in school or cover cost for careers speed dating day.

National Education Delivery Plan

- The Parents Council Chair group had put forward a submission. Alisa, Malcolm and Felicity commented on this report, they felt that the submission was not very constructive and the process of producing the report was not very consultative.

Next meeting Mon 27th Feb 2017