# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 16th November 2016 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: PARENTS – James Meneely, Lindsay Stickland, Gordon Wallace, Gordon Ford, Valerie Chisholm, Adele Thomson, Graham Smith, Mohammed Gondal, Mohammed Khan, Arezu Bari, Sarah MacLeod, Farah Khan

<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>: Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Cllr Charlie Gilbert &Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

<u>APOLOGIES</u>: Rob Catterson, Ian McIntosh, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Dana Fowler, Diane Dakers, Memoona Khan

# 1. INTRODUCTION

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7th September 2016)

Minutes approved and seconded. They will be entered onto the school's website.

# 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (7th September 2016)

No

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

A Governance Review by the Scottish Government which was discussed at the recent Chair's meeting. A sub committee was set up to discuss to the review. Will be discussed again at Item 6 (c).

# 5. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

James welcomed our new members to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves to the council.

#### 6. <u>DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

a) HT Attainment Report 2015/2016
 Stuart give the parent council an overview on Raising Attainment & Improving Equality.

# b) DHT Interview Panel

Eastwood have a Depute Head Teacher vacancy which closes on 27th November. Short leeting will take place on Monday 5th December followed by interviews on Monday 19th December, which will probably take up most of the day. The interview panel requires 2 members of the parent council, who are fully trained in Recruitment & Selection. Gordon Ford and James Meneely volunteered. Shona will confirm that Gordon's training is up todate.

c) Scottish Government Governance Review
The link to the above review was emailed to everyone before tonight's meeting.
The closing date for the consultation is the 7th January 2017. It was agreed that at our next meeting which is to be held on Wed 7th December, the sole item on the agenda should be the Scottish Government Governance Review.

# 7. <u>AOB</u>

Gordon Ford asked if there could be more educational trips at the school. Stuart mentioned that this year we have more trips than in past years for the pupils, eg Modern Languages dept are going to Spain, the Geography department are taking pupils to Italy. We have the usual S2 trip to France and our annual trip to Cern for the senior pupils who study physics. On top of that the English department are taking pupils to Ireland and the History department are going to Liverpool.

Gordon Wallace mentioned that a friend of his has used the new on-line payment system and had positive feedback from it.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 8pm

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