

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON
Wednesday 3rd September 2014 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: PARENTS – Sanat Mehta (Chair), Ian McIntosh, Diane Dakers, Connie Hume, Michelle Keir, Mark Taylor, Jacqueline Keenan, Kash Ali, Susan Clark, Graham Smith, Grace McCarthy, Karen Armstrong, Gordon Wallace, Lesley Smith, James Meneely, Gordon Ford, Dana Fowler, Susan Clark

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Shona McWilliam (Clerk) Cllr Charlie Gilbert, Cllr Buchanan

APOLOGIES: Andrew Keir, Alex McMillan, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Sanat welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGM - 7th May 2014**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES –7th May 2014**

Shona confirmed that there was now a link on our web page to our Child Protection Policy.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence regarding Parent Council Chair meeting at the beginning of June. Unfortunately Sanat received the information too late to inform us. Attached are the minutes from that meeting.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Staffing Update**

Stuart confirmed that we have 8 NQTs this year and 3 new permanent members of staff. Nicola MacGlashan was appointed Head Teacher at Woodfarm High School in June. Susan Foster has become Acting Senior Management for S5/6. Sylvia McLaughlin is now Acting Principal Teacher of English. Susan Govan is still in her Acting Pastoral Care post for this session. Nikki Kendall (Modern Languages/Pastoral Care) is due back from maternity leave after the September weekend. The council confirmed their 3 year budget, stating that education would have to make cuts this in turn means that there will be no filling of vacancies for promoted posts.

BECs/Computing Science PT vacancy has been short leeted with interviews next Friday. Connie asked if the issue of finding a replacement Home Economics teacher had been successful. Stuart confirmed that we have successful filled the post with in fact three experienced teachers.

Gordon Wallace asked if the school role had increased. Stuart confirmed that after the initial intake in August, we have had an extra 14 into S1, 9 into S2 and 9/10 in senior school.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) School Attainment presentation 2014

Stuart presented to the council this year's attainment review.

Mark asked if the replacement of the old appeal system would be a success. Teachers and parents are still understanding it. The "marking review" means that the pupil's paper will be checked to ensure it has been marked to national standards, it can go either way, it can be marked up or down. The SQA criteria is very strict. Mark asked will SQA admit what was wrong the paper once it has been remarked.

b) Parent Council vacancies and possible election

It was confirmed by Shona that we have 3 vacancies. Shona will organise letter to go out to the whole school, seeking interest. Susan asked if perhaps in the same letter we could ask for PTA interest as well.

c) Parent Council Plaque

Stuart thanked the council for the plaque which is now erected outside the school office.

7. AOB

Gordon Ford said that it is wonderful coming into the school in an evening and seeing the car park full and all the outside facilities being used but feels that the local children have lost their chance to use the pitches as St Cadocs have gained access to it 5 nights a week.

It was never offered to any of the local football clubs. Cllr Gilbert said he would look into it as he doesn't want the local children to be denied this facility.

Karen confirmed that it was great that the school sports facilities were being used to a maximum but is concerned that as the building of homes continues in the area, there is still very little for children to do.

Cllr Buchanan said that the council have spent a lot of money making sure the all the schools in the area have great sporting facilities. There are more grass pitches in East Renfrewshire than in Glasgow. If gates to pitches are left open we could have a potential vandalism issue.

Sanat confirmed that due to health problems he would be stepping down as Chair and will remain on the council. Council now need to make a decision regarding electing a new Chair. Susan asked if Ian (our Vice Chair) would consider it. He said that yes he would be interested if no one else was keen to take on the job. Connie seconded it and Ian was elected as Chair.

Mark suggested that perhaps the electing of a new Vice Chair could take place at our next meeting in October when we have our new members on board.

Ian thanked Sanat for all his hard work and contributions, especially over the last year and wished him well.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 8pm

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