

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** James Meneely, Valerie Chisholm, Adele Chisholm, Sarah MacLeod, Dr Arezu Bari, Dr Umair Khan, Natalie McMillan, Katy Berry, Nick Bothwell, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Uzma Khan, Moira Forbes & Jennifer Nesbitt

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

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**1. INTRODUCTION**

James welcomed everyone to the meeting especially our five new members, Shabham, Wendy, Uzma, Moira & Jennifer.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

a) **Road Crossing Update**

Stuart confirmed that the work would be completed before the end of this Financial year. (March 2019).

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Shona had emailed all the members regarding a free information session on 'Parent Council Essentials' which was held at Carolside Primary school on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Shabnam attended the session which gave you lots of ideas on how to run your Parent council effectively.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

James discussed a recent email from the Democratic Services with respect to polling places within schools. Consultation is out at present looking for parent's views on secondary schools being used for polling. Sports centres are a possible idea which would minimise the disruption to schooling. Williamwood High school has been used as the counting station in the past but as the elections are usually in May this could possibly effect the SQA exams. Stuart suggested that the parent council could respond to the consultation. James will respond on behalf of the parent council. The link is as follows:

[electionoffice@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:electionoffice@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

If you wish to see the current polling districts and details of the current polling places in use in the council, you can find this information online at:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/pollingscheme>

Stuart mentioned that the school was in the middle of a transition review and is due to finish on Thursday followed by feedback on Friday. He explained that the Conference room is not usual set up with lots of examples of the pupils work and achievements and if

anyone has time at the end of the meeting it would be great for you to have a look at all the boards.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) **Welcome to new PC Members**  
At the start of our meeting, James welcomed and thanked our new members for volunteering their time to attend our meetings.
- b) **Full HT Attainment Report 2017/18**  
The Head Teacher gave a full report on Eastwood's attainment for 2017/18.

7. **AOB**

James and Natalie attended the recent Parent Council Chair's meeting which was held in early October. Discussed at the meeting, the change to the Education Psychology services allowing the service to become more flexible in allocating resources where and when most needed.

Nick wanted to discuss the impact of the cuts on Education Psychology services. Stuart advised him that the best time to discuss this would be when the next Council Budget comes out for consultation which will be early in the new year. Shona will diary it for our next meeting in January 2019.

At the meeting, Rosamund Rodriguez gave a presentation on Parent Council self evaluation. Mrs Rodriguez highlighted the links within Learning Together (Scotland's national action plan on parental involvement, parental engagement, family learning and learning at home 2018-2021) and East Renfrewshire's Parental Engagement and Involvement Strategy.

Shona asked Cllr Gilbert had he had any reply from SPT regarding replacing our water damaged art work at Patterton station. He unfortunately has had no communication with them but is in the process of contacting The Avenues shopping centre with a view to displaying our pupil's art work up there.

**Next Meeting will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 8pm**

Future meetings: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb '19 & 29<sup>th</sup> May '19 (which will include the AGM)

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