

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 4th September 2019 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: James Meneely, Valerie Chisholm, Rob Catterson, Nick Bothwell, Gordon Wallace, Arezu Bari, Umair Khan, Katy Berry, Jennifer Nesbitt, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Uzma Khan, Sarah MacLeod

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Shona McWilliam (Clerk), Gillian Boyle (Depute) and Cllr Charlie Gilbert

APOLOGIES: Adele Thomson, Moira Forbes, Natalie McMillan

1. INTRODUCTION

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (29th May 2019)

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

a) **Road Crossing Update**

Stuart confirmed that the realigning of the fence has been completed, creating better visibility for pupils and motorists.

Stuart also mentioned there had been a break in to the school last week. Due to police forensic being involved, the canteen could only provide a limited food choice to the pupils and it was decided because of this there would be no charge to the pupils that day for their lunch. The police are following a definite line of enquiry as the culprits are known to them.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

James provided information from Glasgow Caledonian University on a careers event on Saturday 14th September for pupils aged between 4-14, called 'Insp-Hire' hoping to educate and inspire the next generation of 'Digit Superheroes'.

James confirmed that Eastwood's Games Hall would not be on the next list of polling places for the council. As well as the Games Hall being used for the prelims, the Trust would lose revenue due to the closure.

The next Chair's meeting would be on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm at Woodfarm High School. The next Equality Forum will be next week, Tuesday 17th September at Mearns Castle High School at 7pm. James said anyone is welcomed to attend either of these meetings. Uzma asked if there was an Agenda for the meetings. James said when he receives it, Shona will forward it to our members.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Stuart informed the Parent Council that our school role has increased this year. Our S1s intake so far is 216 and 2 reserved, totalling 218. Our maximum numbers allowed in S1 are 220 and 6 reserved. Our school role as of today's date is 1098. Gordon asked if the new Maidenhall

Primary school had helped to increase our numbers. Stuart explained to the council how the Ayr Rd splits the high schools. The side which Mearns Primary is situated on, makes their feeder high school Eastwood and the other side of Ayr Road feeds into Mearns Castle.

6. DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

a) HT Attainment Report 2018/2019

Stuart took the council through this year's result, highlighting that this year's 4th year results were the best ever since Stuart started the school.

b) Parent Council Vacancies

Shona informed the council that we have 8 vacancies this year. Shona will issue a letter by email to all our parents, with a return date of Thursday 26th September. She will then contact our new members inviting them to our next meeting in November.

7. A.O.B

Arezu asked as a parent if we feel that a child, who is known to us is suffering from mental health what should be do. Gillian Boyle stated that if a pupil is off school, the parents will receive a text and if it continues the Pastoral Care team will follow this up with a call or letter. Rule of thumb is always contact the school as the chances are we will already know about the child's health issues.

Uzma asked are we are in touch with the wider community. We mentioned that we have close links with Crookfur Primary school but we are more than happy to take part in anything that the parent council feels we should be involved in.

Copy of PTA audited Accounts provided by Val Chisholm.

Meetings for this session 2019/2020
13th November '19, 22nd January2020, 26th February '20 & 3rd June '20 (including AGM)

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