

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** James Meneely, Valerie Chisholm, Rob Catterson, Nick Bothwell, Gordon Wallace, Katy Berry, Jennifer Nesbitt, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Uzma Khan, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Natalie McMillan, Moira Forbes, Karen McGrady-Parker, Vicky Grant, Nilam Ijaz

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Shona McWilliam (Clerk) & Gillian Boyle (Depute)

**APOLOGIES:** Adele Thomson & Umair Khan

**1. INTRODUCTION**

James welcomed everyone to the meeting especially our new three members (Karen, Vicky & Nilam) and apologies were noted.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4<sup>th</sup> September 2019)**

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

- a) **Mental Health & Wellbeing Event**  
Event held on 12<sup>th</sup> November '19 at Williamwood High School. No one was able to attend this meeting.
- b) **Empowerment Workshops 9<sup>th</sup> October '19**  
Empowerment Presentation slides were emailed to all members. Natalie attended.
- c) **Parent Council Chair meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October'19**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

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**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Staffing**

Ruth Dodds PT of BECS is due to start her maternity leave at Christmas. We are fortunate to have secured Julie Bryce from Barrhead High, who is presently a Principal Teacher of Development.

Louise Darroch, Drama teacher is due to go onto maternity leave at Christmas. Interviews will take place late November for her post.

PT of Modern Languages has been an Acting post due to Stephen Hamilton stepping down for his last year of teaching. Nikki Kendal is presently in this post and the interviews for the permanent post will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Lyndsay McIlharghey, PT of Chemistry/Physics will leave at the end of January to go on maternity leave, her post is out to advert at present.

Stuart did highlight the fact that when a teacher goes off on long term sick, it is very difficult to find a teacher replacement.

## 6. DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

### a) **Parent Council vacancies**

3 new members – Karen McGrady-Parker, Nilam Ijam & Vicky Clark, all S1 parents.

### b) **Local Development Plan**

Stuart gave the council a presentation on the Council's proposed Development Plan and if you wish further details, open the link below:-

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/local-development-plan>

Rob asked that when they built Barrhead High did they take into account the increase in housing in the surrounding areas.

Cathy asked if we are expecting a large intake again next year and will the school be required to use the open classrooms on the floors.

Stuart stated that when the new Eastwood was built, they built it to hold a capacity of 1220 pupils and now we are sitting at 1095 with still more pupils enrolling next week.

Umra asked has traffic infrastructure been taken into account in the local plan.

Responses to the Local Development plan can be made as an individual or collectively as a group.

The Parent Council decided that they would create a sub committee to look more closely at the proposed local development plan. If anyone interested in joining this committee please email Shona. Closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### c) **Update on Social Subjects & Modern Languages (CIV visits)**

Stuart updated the council on the recent CIV (Comparative Improvement Visit), similar to inspection, visits. The Social Subjects visit was ran by two QIOs and Social Subject teachers from other schools within East Renfrewshire gave the department a very strong report with very positive comments.

The Modern Languages CIV visit took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Report to follow but everything was positive in the feedback. The Social Subjects CIV in late September also portrayed a very strong picture.

## 7. A.O.B

Stuart has asked Cllr Gilbert (away from the PC meeting due to pre-election rules) for help in resolving an issue with the grass at the back gate of the school. There has been a long running dispute with the Roads department as to who cuts this grass.

Rob wanted to commend the pupils who attended the Remembrances Services throughout the surrounding areas, ie Neilston, Newton Mearns.

Please Note: Equalities Forums for 2019-20

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 7pm – Barrhead High School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm – Woodfarm High School

Meetings for this session 2019/2020

13<sup>th</sup> November '19, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> February '20 & 3<sup>rd</sup> June '20 (including AGM)

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