

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Wednesday 21st September 2022 AT 8pm
in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Jennifer Nesbitt, John Anderson, Natalie McMillan, Murray MacLeod, Karen McGrady-Parker, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Umair Khan, Wendy Durie, Glen Cartwright, Beverly Stoner, Matthew Hughes, Denny (PC Chair from Crookfur Primary school)

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Sinclair (Head Teacher), Judith Boulton-Jones (Depute) & Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Katy Berry, Shabham Ijaz, Vicky Clark, Nilam Ijaz, Fiona Edwards, Jacqui White, Graham Campbell

1. INTRODUCTION

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1st June 2022)

Minutes approved and seconded. Shona will enter them onto the school's website

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

New members letter will be organised with Shona and emailed to all parents. We are looking for 5 new members for this year. This letter will include a closing date for October with the new members being invited to our next meeting in November.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

David Gordon, QIO letter/survey. Vision and Principal.
Parent Chair Forum – to be held on 12th October.
Equality Forum – being held tonight.

5. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT (Results)

Kate gave presentation to Parent council members. Very good set of results from our senior pupils this year. We are very proud of them all.

Kate also presented the council with the school Improvement plan, which includes our newly refreshed school Vision & Values. S6 pupils are presently working on creating a pupil/parent friendly version of this plan.

We will be forming a PEF cluster group and will be involving parents and pupils in this as part of our Participatory Budget measures.

We also are advertising a new post within the school -Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Support Worker who will supporting pupils who find school difficult, are disengaged, and/or have attendance issues. The overall aim for this post is to support pupils to go into a positive destination when they leave school. Q – parent mentioned that we need to do more about how we raise more funding for the school as not enough is provided at the moment for pupils with Additional Support Needs.

Kate mentioned that we are hoping to employ a PEF teacher to teach in our learning support base.

- Kate showed the council this year's school self-evaluation calendar and talked through various events taking place this year. She also highlighted that this demonstrated how busy school life is for staff and pupils.

- A member asked about the Awards Ceremony which had taken place earlier in the session. Kate explained that she felt that previous award ceremonies which were held in June were based on Prelim results, she feels it would be better to have the ceremonies after the SQA results in August.
- With the original DUX awards she felt that it wasn't entirely fair that we used to have one for female and one of male. Going forward we will have one now for Junior Dux and one for Senior Dux.
- Head Boy and Girl will remain the same as after seeking the views of pupils, they prefer to still have a girl and a boy. This is something we will consult on each year.
- This year National 4 awards were given for the first time. Parents are delighted that their children which would not normally receive an award has been given the opportunity to receive one.
- Parent's nights will now follow the pupils tracking reports as per the parent consultation which took place in June.
- Also from this consultation, at parental request, Newsletters will now be issued monthly, rather than once per term. The Head Teacher will complete first paragraph, S6 Leadership team and Lauren Barrie will take over the completion of the newsletter.
- We are due an HIME inspection on 11th October.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) School Uniform – Policy & Cost

There is still an issue with the length of the girl's skirts, still too short. Head Teacher is still looking at this issue and it will be discussed. Apart from this the uniform standards have been very high.

b) School Trips

Judith Boulton-Jones (Depute) provided the council with a list of trips which we are now up and running in the school. Girls Football trip to Manchester with Mr Brown, S1 Panto to the Tron theatre, Maths challenge, DoE Bronze and Silver, S2 Tapas trip organised by the Modern Languages dept.

Larger trips which are in the early stages of organisation are Cern (Physics dept), Ski-ing (Feb 24), Euro Disney, France/Spain – June 23.

c) Awards & Prize Giving Changes

Discussed in previous item.

7. AOCB

Q – braiding – new system will be put in put but still in the early stages and will be discussed at a future meeting

Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 8pm

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