

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8pm**  
**in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Jennifer Nesbitt, John Anderson, Natalie McMillan, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Vicky Clark, Denny Henderson, Neha Mathur, Laura Strachan, Jacqui White, Beverly Stoner, Murray MacLeod, Jenny MacDonald, Glen Cartwright

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kate Sinclair (Head Teacher) & Chris Morris (Depute)  
Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Karen McGrady-Parker, Umair Khan, Graham Campbell, Nilam Ijaz, Fiona Edwards, Matthew Hughes

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

**2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

New member –Jenny MacDonald

PTA – due to lack of members, Kate will draft an email to go out to all parents to encourage them to join.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (16.11.22)**

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

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Feedback from Parent Equalities Forum  
Denny & Natalie attended. Interested meeting which the focus was on Decolonising the Curriculum. Rukhsana Ali, Education Development Officer, who talked about her role in supporting schools to promote diversity in learning & teaching.

**6. HEAD TEACHER REPORT**

Staffing – Kate gave an update on where the school stand with staffing at the moment  
English – long term sick, fortunately we do now have full time cover for this post, Ms Downie  
Biology – MAT leave cover – we have Ms Boyle in to cover post  
Modern Languages – we have been successful in employing Jamie Ratter in a full time post  
Technical post – Mr Murray has been seconded to Woodfarm and we have Jim McKerlie in to cover 2 and half days a week.  
The only absence we have been unable to cover is our long term absence in Physics

- Attendance/Late Coming  
Kate is at present monitoring daily, the late coming and attendance in all year stages in the school and will break down and analysis by year stage, Female/male/SIMD, FSM (Free school meals), LAC (Looked after) as well as Primary school/location.

Next steps will be to report on her findings, share with staff/pupils/parents. Identify next steps and look for support from parents/carers.  
Kate gave a short presentation on recent data on attendance/lates which has been collated over the last 3 weeks. Year stages S2 & S4.

- PEF – Participatory Budgeting  
Parents/pupils will all get a chance to be involved.  
We so far have purchased Lexion software for our ASN pupils.  
We have been able to appoint some staff in Principal Teacher of Development roles to specialise in Raising Attainment  
Additional teaching staff to raise attainment in English.  
SQA barista course for S5/6 pupils. Coffee cart is in the process of being purchased.  
We are still looking for suggestions so please do not hesitate to let Kate know if you have good ideas in terms of our Pupil Equity Funding.
- Curriculum – SCQF Ambassador Programme  
Donny Ward has meet with SLT and we have signed up as an SCQF Ambassador school. We will work towards achieving our Silver award.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Update on Budget Discussion  
Still no final decision has been made and perhaps it will be issued once teacher's pay dispute has been rectified.

## **7. AOCB**

Nil

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8pm**

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