

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 8pm**  
**in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Jennifer Nesbitt, Natalie McMillan, Karen McGrady-Parker, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Umair Khan, Glen Cartwright, Graham Campbell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Morris (Depute), Lauren Barrie (PT of Development)  
Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Kate Sinclair (Attending Convenor's Award)  
John Anderson, Murray MacLeod, Shabnam Ijaz, Wendy Durie, Vicky Clark,  
Nilam Ijaz, Neha Mathur, Bethany Stoner, Jacqui White, Matthew Hughes,  
Denny Henderson

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (25.01.23)**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

Denny and Natalie attended Parental Equality Forum, discussion was on 'Decolonising the Curriculum.

Cathy has created a flyer for the PTA. This will be advertised on the web/twitter and will be emailed to parents.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Hayward Review Survey

SLT will be discussing this further at their next meeting on Monday. There will be changes made in future to pupil's education – changes to senior phase, more opportunities. Natalie confirmed that on line discussions were taking place this evening on Connect.

**6. HEAD TEACHER REPORT**

In Kate's absence, Chris gave an update on staffing. 2 MAT posts to be cover. Lesley Workman from Drama will make a welcomed return in August. Our NQTs will once again be leaving us in June. We are hoping to keep an extra teacher in English with our PEF funding. Allison MacKinnon is presently absent but due to return after Easter holidays. All S2 enquiries are being dealt with by SLT or Kate.

Information Option Evening for parents recently took place in the school for S2 pupils into S3. New courses which will be introduced – Scottish Studies Level 4 qualification. There will also be a Science level 5 course. In BECS there will be a new Computer Games development course, at level 5.

Eastwood's coffee cart (Capelrig Coffee) official opened for staff today. Teachers who have been trained will offer the barista course to pupils. Some of our S4 pupils have been on a construction course (Tigers) with pupils from other schools, Woodfarm and Mearns Castle.

Pupil's uniform to be discussed. There will be a school focus group made up of staff and pupils and we will be hoping to involve parents in this discussion as well, by means of a focus group.

We have now 30 new laptops for PE which will give the department a full class set and will be stored across at PE.

12 new promethean boards will be delivered soon and will be installed during the Easter.

New projector and sound system for the atrium has now been replaced.

We are also looking at tinted blinds for some of the classrooms.

S4/5/6 are heading towards their exams. First one to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

ERC questionnaire to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March. It will be emailed out again to all parents.

Dance Competition will be held next week in the school.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March S3 pupils will be completing their standardised tests in English/Maths. It will be done in the ICT rooms on line.

#### **School Colours** (L Barrie, PT Dev Recognising Wider Achievement)

To be awarded twice a year. June and December.

Criteria still to be confirmed.

Pupils will be asked to apply online for colours.

There will be 4 levels. Lauren provided us with how the colours will be situated on the blazer.

Eg – cuffs/pockets. Once the pupil is issued with their certificate they can take it to the shop of their choice to get the braiding added onto their blazer.

#### **House System** (L Barrie, PT Dev Recognising Wider Achievement)

The school's House system has been revamped this year and from August 'Houses' will now be linked to their pastoral Teacher. As we have 5 pastoral care teachers we have had to introduce a new house name and staff and pupils have been voting. The new House will be called *Loch Libo* which will join, Capelrig, Auldhouse, Balgray & Duncarnock.

S6 pupils will have a Captain and Vice Captain,

S1-5 will have a Captain.

There will be House assemblies.

Each pupil will have a 'house' badge which will be eg a plain coloured badge.

Ross Williams and Audrey Bonini are still to look at their pupils, they may ask the pupil to choose a group (eg if their pal is in one particular group).

House Points will be achieved by attendance, timekeeping, sport days, extra curricular attendance, colour achievement. There will also be (by dept) Pupil of the month.

For Prize giving – shields/awards are still to be decided.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Local Improvement Plan 2023-2026

Adele sent out the Plan to members. It will be briefly discussed at meeting and may feature in future meetings.

## **7. AOCB**

Nil

**Next Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 8pm (including AGM)**

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