

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Wednesday 31st January 2024
in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Jennifer Nesbitt, John Anderson, Karen McGrady-Parker, Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Shabham Ijaz, Glen Cartwright, Laura Strachan, Jenny MacDonald, Kari Gillies, Sidra Hasan, Wendy Durie, Adam Tomkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Sinclair (HT), Chris Morris (Depute), Ross Williams (Depute, Inclusion)
Louise Brett (English Dept)

Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Natalie McMillan, Umair Khan, Vicky Clark, Jacqui White, Graham Campbell, Katy Berry, Murray MacLeod, Nilam Ijaz, Neha Mathur

1. INTRODUCTION

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially our news members, Sidra Hasan, Kari Gillies & Adam Tomkins, all S1 parents. Apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3rd October 23)

Approved and will be entered onto the website

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cathy will be stepping down as Chair of PTA and Denny & Laura will be co-chairing the post for the moment.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Equalities Meeting has now been changed to 28th February and the next PC Chair will be on 21st February.

5. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

HT mentioned that our S4 pupils are out on their work experience this week and our S5/6 pupils are coming to the end of their prelims on Friday.

Our staffing issues that we have had recently in English and BECS have now been resolved and Kate is happy to confirm that both posts have been filled with the subject teacher.

a) Reading Schools Programme (Louise Brett)

Louise talked about how the school is promoting reading in classrooms via The Scottish Book Trust. Library starter packs have been issued in each classroom and we now offer on Wednesdays at lunchtime a quiet space in the Drama box for anyone who would like to come and read a book. The PTA have very kindly donated £1000 to the school and we have purchased dyslexia books for the pupils.

Please see attached powerpoint with more information on how we are promoting reading.

Kate recommended a good read for parents is **'When the Parents Change' by Paul Dix**. Paul Dix, Britain's leading children behaviour expert, reveals how to build a culture of calm consistency into your home, starting today.

b) Promoting Positive Relationships Policy (Ross Williams)

Ross presented the Parent Council with a Powerpoint presentation on how the school is promoting positive relationships within the school and how we will be taking it forward. Parents would like more info on our Merit/Demerit system on the website.

6. **SCHOOL TRIPS - UPDATE**

Will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. **AOCB**

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