

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Wednesday 19th November 25
in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Natalie McMillan, Murray MacLeod, Beverly Stoner, Jacqui White, Laura Strachan, Jenny MacDonald, Kari Gillies, Ameer Din, Akemkar Singh, Shammyla Naeem, Altamash Pervez, Muhammed Zeeshan Shakir

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Sinclair (HT), Chris Morris (Depute)
Shona McWilliam (Clerk)
Stevie Crawford (PT of Enhanced Learning)

APOLOGIES: John Anderson, Umair Khan, Wendy Durie, Denny Henderson, Sidra Hasan,

1. INTRODUCTION

Adele welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologises were noted and new members were welcomed. (Tommy Singh, Shammyla Naeem, Altamash Pervez & Muhammed Zeeshan Shakir).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (19th Sept 25)

Minutes were approved and will be added to the school's website.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Adele welcomed all our new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

- ERC Emails
- PC Chair Meeting – Adele to forward minutes to all.

6. ISSUES ARISING FROM PARENT COMMUNICATION

A parent had mentioned about the way our S6 Graduation/Prom is celebrated. Kate said that in her previous school it was held on separate nights and was apprehensive when started at Eastwood when she heard that both on the same night but since experiencing it she prefers. It is a fantastic evening and ensure a positive experience for the Prom as young people are with their parents. They go straight from the Graduation onto coaches to the Prom. She is happy to discuss it with parents/pupils if they would prefer something different but it would have to be from June 2027 as everything is booked and organised for next year.

7. HEAD TEACHER REPORT

Principal Teacher of Maths – Interviews will be next week.

Parents Evenings – Last one we had major issues in our car park. Cars not parking in the correct bays which lead to our coaches which drop off our pupils from college were not to get into the car park. This issue continued all night with various tany announcements from Shona & Kate. Reminder to parents/carers regarding this.
Curriculum Evenings – Success in S3/S4/S5 were introduced this year and highly evaluated.

Pupil's tracking reports – due to issues parents are experiencing with Parents Portal we may go forward trial printing reports.

Culture Day – Huge success, developed from last year. Lots of pupils dressed up in their tradition dress as well as events being held in the games hall all day and in the Atrium at break time.

Miss Barrie organised a very successful S1/S2 sponsor walk. Weather was kind to us and so far we have raised over £1,700 for the school fund.

Careers Event – huge success.

S4 prelims start this week.

Dining Pod – was due to open but unfortunately there has been an issue with the doors. They should be automatic as pupils will be carrying plates etc so there will be a further delay. We are very fortunate to have a promethean board with wifi which when not used for breaks/lunches we will be able to use as a 'learning zone'. The new date for opening is 24th November.

Forthcoming events – Tuesday 9th December – our Christmas Concert and Wednesday 10th December our Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Our pupils Junior and Senior Ceilidhs will be held on 17th & 18th December.

Stevie Crawford who has only been in his new role of Principal Teacher of Enhanced Learning for a short time, presented the council with our new pupil incentive – “*Legends of Eastwood*” and a refresh of our Merit system.

Legends of Eastwood is an extra reward for a small group of pupils every few months who have gone above and beyond the usual classroom expectations.

Legends of Eastwood is an opportunity to let classes see some tangible goals in their department which they can work towards to achieve a silver or gold merit.

Although silver and gold merits feed into Legends of Eastwood, they are also feeding in a big way into the House-points system.

They will receive a paper certificate and at the end of the year there may be a reward day. This is still in the planning.

The first launch will be from 17th November until 15th December.

Going forward Stevie will be looking at our Merit/Demerit system and upgrading it.

8. **AOCB**

One of members asked how the school approach hate crime. Kate said that the school is pro active and we teach our pupils to be upstanders and follow the school's values – Respect, Kindness, Honestly & Respect.

Our Clerk – Shona will be retiring in December. This will be her last meeting.

Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7pm (Conference Room)
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