

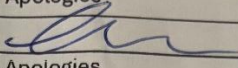
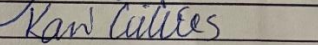
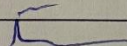
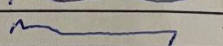
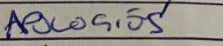
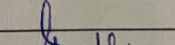
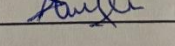
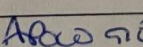
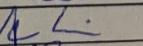
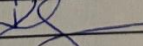
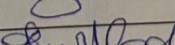
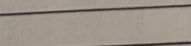
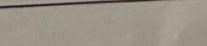
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
4th Feb 2026
in EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT / APOLOGIES: See sign in sheet

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Sinclair (HT)
 Emma Gordon

Parent Council Meeting – 4.2.2026

Attendees/Apologies

Name	Signature
Adele Thomson	Apologies
Nick Bothwell	
Ameer Din	Apologies
Altamash Pervez	
Denny Henderson	Apologies
Beverly Stoner	
Binod Singh	
Jacqui White	
Jenny MacDonald	
John Anderson	
Kari Gillies	
Laura Strachan	
Mohammed Umair Khan	
Muhammad Zeeshan Shakir	
Murray MacLeod	
Natalie McMillan	
Neha Mathur	
Shammyla Neeham	
Sidra Hasan	
Wendy Durie	
Tommy Singh	
Kate Sinclair	
Chris Morris	
Emma Gordon.	

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Date TBC)**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

4. **CORRESPONDANCE**

Nil

6. **ISSUES ARISING FROM PARENT COMMUNICATION**

A parent had mentioned about the way our S6 Graduation/Prom is celebrated noting that there had not been any discussion on 2027 prom yet. Kate advised that this could be discussed early in the next academic year.

7. **HEAD TEACHER REPORT**

- Dining Pod is now up and running
- 4 mobile classrooms are to be added to the school behind the dining pod. No decision had yet been made regarding allocation but it presents an opportunity to group a department together.
- The school has also got 30 laptops for the new classrooms.

Staffing

- New PT Maths – Jonathan Black started on 26th Jan
- Retirement – PT Additional Support Needs – Audrey Bonini – post is due to be advertised
- Staffing returns not yet complete for next academic year as role not set – will advertise for new roles. Should be able to provide update on next PC meeting 24th March
- PSAs – recruitment ongoing – happy to take referrals – FT roles Monday to Friday

Prelims

- S4 prelims went well
2 biggest impacts on results were shown to be attendance and option choices which Kate speaks about at parents options choices evenings – the statistical evidence supports this each year
- There is a query about pupils self-belief and the need to maximise encouragement to raise self-belief and help pupils achieve their potential.
- Observed high impact of positive learning
 - pupil feedback
 - self regulated learning

- scaffolding of supports
- engagement strategy
- “Every Child Should Make Progress” – Kate’s evidence-based expectation
- Help pupils understand what they need to do to move from 1 grade up to the next between prelims and the SQA exam - Pupil centred approach to learning and support

School Update

- Lots of events have been taking place including 140 senior citizens attended the Christmas Party
- S1 & S2 subject rotations now allow 3 social subjects to be experienced prior to S2 choices – History / Geography / Modern Studies (Previously could only do 2)
- S5/S6 prelim results not available at the time of the PC meeting
- Parents evenings went well although there is concern at the lack of nonscience subjects being taken at S5 & S6 when career choices may not require it – is this a legacy of science being seen as a better subject? Kate expressed a desire for the school to focus on the life outlook and long-term outcomes
- S4 work experience – has received really good feedback from employers – need to remind pupils that it is ok to do a placement and decide that’s not the career for them
- Looking ahead – lots of educational changes coming in 2028 for 2032 exams – need to help support the teachers as they learn to deliver the new curriculum
- BGE reporting and tracking – want to add a working grade for S1 & S2 – working with PTs, staff and pupils to change the format of the reports and make them more meaningful.
- Pastoral Matters – tough few months in the school with S3 bereavement – lots of support in place for staff and pupils
- Still having lots of alcohol issues with young people and trying to educate and support
 - Parents need to see how much goes on and the big risks that are being taken
 - Skipping class and drinking up on the woodland walk - one recent case of 14-year-old with alcohol poisoning requiring medical attention
 - Intensive focus on pastoral support

8. **Cost Of School Day – Emma Gordon**

Cost of living - Financial Wellbeing indicators – Insight Report for EHS Dec 2024

- Wellbeing indicators study using indicators defined by the Nat West bank
- The indicators demonstrated a variance of wellbeing across the school catchment in G77 and G78 areas and forms a good basis for discussion around the cost of the school day.
- School are trying to be mindful of this when looking at school activities etc.

Questionnaire was issued to parents and received 229 responses

- Focus on costs of lunch / break / materials / uniform

- Some of the findings were
 - 42% said amount of money requested by school was ok
 - 30% say it's hard to afford to buy things for school
 - 30% felt there's not enough notice to give money to school
 - Generally good awareness of grants available
 - Not a lot of people were aware of the upper school EMA grants that were available
 - 25% of parents would be happy to say to school that they could not afford things
 - School will try to help needs when they're aware of them noting that not all families may not qualify for means tested grants but still have some limited disposable income
 - In East Ren – EHS is the cluster school with the biggest uptake of canteen lunches

PC discussion

- Uniform – it is a standard for the school and while expensive it lasts a long time and removes the label pressure
- No hoodies in school as they cover the school tie and this is a security risk
- Trips – is it possible to get a calendar of trips in advance to allow parents to save? KS explained that often not possible to predict what trips are happening

9. **AOCB**

- Concerns raised that the significant IT issues will impact the Nat 5 music tech classes – KS advised that she is in regular contact with Education Dept IT to expedite repairs

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

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