



Ross High School, Well Wynd, Tranent, East Lothian, EH33 2EQ

ROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING Tuesday 27 September 2016

Gail Walshe (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Parents' Forum Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Parent Council Annual Report

The Chair introduced the Parent Council Annual Report 2015/16 which was a summary of the work and activities of the Parent Council and school during the past year. The Parent Council's good working relationship with Paul Reynolds, Head Teacher, was very important and it was noted that positivity in the school had been improving year on year. **PR** would send a copy of the report to all parents. Councillor Shamin Akhtar passed on huge thanks to the Chair and Vice-Chair and other members of the Parent Council for playing an important role in school life.

Treasurer's Report

The Chair presented the Treasurer's Report for Ross High School Parent Council – 27 September 2016. This set out income from fundraising to support school projects and activities and expenditure. The Treasurer thanked everyone who had helped with organising and coming along to events and for collecting raffle prizes. No funding payments had been made this year. However, Carol Christie would find out more information about a funding application for a debating trophy. It was agreed that the Parent Council would consider buying second hand costumes for the Drama Department using websites such as Gumtree. The School show would be held every two years and this year a cabaret evening was being planned to raise funds. Nicky Neighbour (Vice Chair) would draft an email to send to parents before Christmas about Easyfundraising and look into using Your School Lottery. It was noted that the Parent Council was a constituted group and as such could apply for funding from businesses.

How to Engage/Inform the Parents' Forum

The Parental Involvement Strategy was under review and Nicky Neighbour was involved in this. It was noted that parents were very supportive of the school but that this was different from being actively involved. It was important for parents to be informed about what was going on in the school and for information to be provided to enable parents to help out with Parent Council activities. It was suggested that it would be useful to set up a database of parents who would be willing to help in fundraising activities.