



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

**ROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' FORUM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 24th September 2019**

In Attendance: Lynn Donohoe (Chair), Wendy Thornton (Vice Chair), Beatriz Sanchez (Treasurer), Paul Reynolds (Head Teacher), Ralph Averbuch, Lyn Taylor, Julie Dall, Debbie Middlemass, Kate McFarlane, Donna Hill, Cllr Craig Hoy, Cllr John McMillan, Veronica Brown (Clerk)

Apologies: Heather Boyle, Gemma Forsyth, Fiona Connal, Cllr Kenny McLeod, Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Cllr Colin McGinn, Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Gordon Mackett, Cllr Shamin Akhtar

Parents' Forum Annual Report

Lynn Donohoe welcomed everyone to the AGM and noted the apologies above.

The Minutes from last year's AGM on 25th September 2018 was approved. Proposed by Ralph Averbuch and Seconded by Lyn Taylor.

The Annual report for 2018/19 is attached or by clicking this [link](#). The highlights are:

2018/19 was the year of High Standards with positive ethos throughout the school.

Plans for the work on the school extension was finalised last year and started in June 2019.

The Parent Council have been actively involved in the Parental Engagement Strategy development to help priorities parent involvement in the school. This work will continue for 2019/20 with the "Understanding our school" conference that is now on its third year and has seen improvements over the years including marketing to get more P6/7 attending.

Ross High School started the work with adapting the school to the changes made in the East Lothian Council Consultation Common School day, which will take effect from 2020.

Fundraisers for last year were the Christmas Fayre and the successful Burns supper. Because of the work with the school extension, it was decided that the 2020 Burns supper will have a new venue and be run by the Parent Council together with the help of Cllr McMillan. The Parent Council members thanked Cllr McMillan for his support with the Burns Supper.

Special Thanks to Mr Reynolds and his senior leadership team, the local Councillors and the Fa'side Area Partnership for all your support and dedication over the year.

Also thanks to Gail Walshe, Nicky Neighbour, Aileen Muir and Beverley Esamal for all support as Parent Council members over the years having retired at the end of June 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Donohoe presented the Financial Report for Ross High School Parent Council. The report is attached or by clicking this [link](#).

Income was made up of interest and £76.74 for easy fundraising, which is the highest amount received so far and the Parent Council members will help promote it again.

The expenditure was £200 to the English department film club, £249 for a BBQ and £168 for a polytunnel. The funding for a dog waste bin was also approved however is still waiting to hear back from the East Lothian Council about it.

The closing balance as of 20th September 2019 was £373.27.

Stepping down as signatories on the bank account are the former Treasurer Aileen Muir and members Beverley Oragani and Julie Robertson. The new signatories on the bank account will be the new Treasurer Beatriz Sanchez and Parent Council members Donna Hill and Julie Dall.

Election of Parent Council members

Chair – Lynn Donohoe nominated by Ralph Averbuch

Vice Chair – Wendy Thornton nominated by Lynn Donohoe

Treasurer – Beatriz Sanchez nominated by Donna Hill

S1 – Kate McFarlane, Murdo Macdonald

S2 – Lyn Taylor, Heather Boyle

S3 – Julie Dall, Wendy Thornton

S4 – Ralph Averbuch, Debbie Middlemass,

S5/6 – Beatriz Sanchez, Donna Hill

(Post meeting note, Murdo Macdonald was added as S5/6 rep in his absence and this was changed after the meeting to S1 instead)

A Parent Council member is needed on the Fa'side Area Partnership committee and Vice Chair Wendy Thornton agreed to be the new representative.

Lynn Donohoe is the admin for the Facebook page and asked if there could be a second admin person posting updates? Debbie Middlemass agreed to take it on.

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Mr Reynolds congratulated Lynn Donohoe being the new Chairperson. Thanks also to all of the Parent Council members for all the effort and time given. It is very much appreciated. Thanks to the Councillors for their continuing support and to the Fa'side Area partnership for actively contributing to the schools and community.

Cllr McMillan said thanks to Mr Reynolds, his staff and the Parent Council with their support is what makes it s great school. Also reflected back on his own memories of attending Ross High and especially have the school to thank for his language skills. Also assisting with the Burns Supper to be able to give back to the school, create memories and having fun while doing it.