



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

**ROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' FORUM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 25th September 2018**

In Attendance: Gail Walshe (Chair) Nicky Neighbour (Vice Chair), Paul Reynolds (Head Teacher), Ralph Averbuch, Lyn Taylor, Julie Dall, Debbie Middlemass, Wendy Thornton, Lynne Donohoe, Murdo Macdonald, Brian Middlemass, Heather Boyle, Donna Hill, Cllr Gordon Mackett, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Brian Small, Veronica Brown (Clerk)

Apologies: Aileen Muir (Treasurer), Beatriz Sanchez, Bev Esamal, Cllr Kenny McLeod

Parents' Forum Annual Report

The Minutes from last year's AGM report on 26th September 2017 was approved at the Parent Council meeting on 24th October 2017. Proposed by Donna Hill and Seconded by Nicky Neighbour. A copy was circulated and no further changes were requested.

Gail Walshe (Chair) welcomed everyone to the 2018 Parents' Forum Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shared the Annual Report for 2017/18. Especially noted was the achievement of as the first school in East Lothian, being awarded with the Level 2 UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold award.

Also highlighted was the Burns supper that was very well received and will be repeated again on 25th January 2019. Mr. Reynolds said that a speaker is needed to do the Immortal Memory and it was suggested to get the word out quickly as the popular speakers usually get booked up well in advance. Another successful fundraiser was the Soulacoaster gig in April that was supported by two school bands and was well attended.

The Parent Council have been very involved in the Parental Engagement Strategy that culminated in a Parental Engagement Conference with workshops from study techniques to health and wellbeing that was very successful.

The Consultation for the Extension of the school building has taken place throughout 2017-2018 where the work is to start during 2019.

Gail Walshe expressed a special thank you to Mr. Reynolds as Head Teacher for all the support of the Parent Council. Also a special thanks to Julie Robertson who was a Parent Council member ever since her children started Ross High School.

Cllr Shamin Akhtar gave special thanks to Gail Walshe and Nicky Neighbour for all their hard work on the Parental Engagement Strategy, remember that you are all volunteers. She also said thanks and appreciation to Mr. Reynolds, the Parent Council and to the wider Parent Forum.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for Ross High School Parent Council. Income was made up of Christmas Fayre stall fundraiser, Easyfundraising payments, Soulacoaster fundraiser gig on 20th April and interest. The only expenditure for the year was in connection with the Soulacoaster event. The closing balance as of 24th September 2018 was £913.12.

Funding requests are welcome and will be discussed and agreed upon at a Parent Council meeting.

Election of Parent Council members

Chair – Gail Walshe nominated by Lyn T

Vice chair – Nicky Neighbour nominated by Debbie M

Treasurer – Aileen Muir nominated by Debbie M

S1 – Lyn Taylor and Heather Boyle

S2 – Julie Dall, Wendy Thornton

S3 – Ralph Averbuch, Debbie Middlemass

S4 – Murdo Macdonald, Donna Hill, Beatriz Sanchez

S5/6 – Bev Esamal

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Mr Reynolds mentioned that the first year pupils are settling in and are doing fine. They are still getting to know the teachers. So far they have been kept in during the lunch hour and since they are now allowed to walk around freely, they have been a lot calmer.

The extension plans are really moving along with some small changes and will be finalised in the next few weeks.

Also mentioned was a visit to Larbert High School to see some of the things they do.

The Parents asked if there was any news on the furniture? This is still to be decided. Also the Bingo night will be postponed until 2019.