



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

ROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Meeting of Tuesday 29th September 2015

Present: G Walshe (Chair), J Belton, R Powell, J Robertson, N Neighbour, A Muir, L Renwick, B Esamal, P Reynolds, L Morrison, N Nicholls (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr D Grant, Cllr J Gillies, Cllr S Akhtar

Minutes	Action
<p>1. Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>GW took over as the Chair following the AGM. Apologies as above.</p> <p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p>PR said that 11 blazers had been purchased through the school support fund. There had been an article in the East Lothian Courier about Jenny Clelland's retirement. The sponsored walk had been postponed but would take place this week using a different route as maintenance work was being carried out on the path usually used. It was agreed that a member of the teaching staff would be invited to give a demonstration of Google classroom at a future Parent Council meeting. 6th years had received their new ties and many of them had handed in their old ties to be kept in school as spares. PR would invite Simon Davie, the Fa'side Area Manager, to the October Parent Council meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 25 August 2015 were approved by JR and seconded by JB.</p> <p>3. Head Teacher's Update</p> <p>This would be a short summary as the AGM had just been held. PR was delighted with how the term had been going. First year pupils had been settling in well and PR was grateful for parental support with regard to the school uniform. Parent Council members were content with the tone of letter which would be sent to parents/carers if a pupil was not wearing the school uniform. A new PE teacher and a Maths teacher would shortly be taking up posts at the school and three personal support assistants had been recruited.</p> <p>4. P7 Parents' Evening – PC Presence</p> <p>GW and N Neighbour would be attending the P7 Parents' evening on Tuesday 3 November at 7.00pm.</p>	<p></p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p>

<p>5. Rights Respecting Schools</p> <p>An inspection to achieve stage 1 of Rights Respecting School status would take place on Friday 2 October. A team of pupils had been spreading the word in school e.g. making a time lapse film showing litter in the social area and leading assemblies. Banners would also be put up in the Social Area. The second stage of the award involved producing evidence of an impact on the local community. N Neighbour was the Parent Council representative on the school's steering group and would report back to future Parent Council Meetings (to be added as regular agenda item). It was agreed that PR would send out an email to parents to draw attention to the Ross High School mission statement. A press release was due to go out and N Neighbour would obtain a copy for the Parent Council facebook page and school website.</p>	<p>N Nicholls PR</p> <p>N Neighbour</p>
<p>6. New Senior Reporting Structure</p> <p>PR circulated a draft sample tracking report which included an assessment by subject teachers of the grade which pupils were on target to achieve at the time of the report. There would also be a teacher's action plan to guide pupils on how to improve on the predicted grade. This would also allow staff to intervene where necessary and encourage better communication with parents. Tracking reports on performance and next steps would be produced at three stages in a year. This should raise attainment and improve understanding of how pupils were performing. It was noted that the term "working grade" could be bit confusing because in some subjects if particular topics had not yet been covered this would affect the working grade. The wording of "target grade" (eg the estimated grade pupils were on target to achieve could not be changed on Seemis so it was suggested that "estimated" should be highlighted in bold.</p>	<p>PR</p>
<p>7. Fundraising – Quiz Night</p> <p>Posters were distributed for advertising the Quiz Night which would be held on Friday 13 November 2015. Funds raised would go towards the refurbishment of PE changing rooms. GW would ask for donations of prizes on Twitter and possibly via East Lothian Loop. LR would approach Raceland. JB suggested approaching a coastering company who had been involved in the Saltire Awards. N Neighbour would keep a list of donated prizes. PR would arrange for an email to be sent out to advertise the Quiz Night and attaching the poster. LM would ask staff members if they wished to donate any prizes.</p>	<p>GW LR</p> <p>N Neighbour PR, LM</p>
<p>8. Parents' Queries</p> <p>PR would look into whether S4 pupils on work experience would be able to attend a Skills Scotland careers event for 4th, 5th and 6th years on Wednesday 29 October.</p> <p>LR asked how the school would cater for the needs of profoundly deaf parents during school meetings and parents' evenings. PR asked if the parents could contact him direct.</p>	<p>PR</p>

9. Time for Reflection

PR said that Education Scotland had produced a guidance document “Time for Reflection” on the form which Religious Observance (RO) might take in schools which he wished to discuss with staff and parents. It was agreed that this should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

N Nicholls

10. AOCB

There was none.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 October 2015

