



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

ROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Meeting on Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Present: G Walshe (Chair), R Powell, J Belton, J Robertson, N Neighbour, L Morrison, D Hill, P Reynolds, Cllr J Gillies

In attendance: J Moore

Apologies: A Muir, B Esamal, Cllr D Grant, Cllr K McLeod, Cllr S Akhtar

Minutes	Action
<p>1. Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>GW thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting. Apologies as above.</p> <p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p>PR reported that he has met with Sarah Fleming and Louise Dalglish about the 6th form booklet. A follow up meeting is to be held soon.</p> <p>PR confirmed that the school show will run over two nights in June. The organisers are happy for the Parent Council to provide the raffle. The proceeds from one night to go to the Parent Council and from the other night, proceeds to go to the school show.</p> <p>PR confirmed that hockey face masks have been approved and will be purchased soon. DH added that the 1st years won the Bowl at the recent Hockey District Tournament.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved by RP and seconded by JR</p> <p>3. Head Teacher's Update</p> <p>National Framework update – PR reports that this is already impacting on the school, which is now required to start reporting on levels as designated by the Framework. Clarification may be required around what being 'Secure' at each level may mean.</p>	<p>PR</p>

PR made reference to the report on the back of the recent QIO visit to the school. There are many positives highlighted in the report and the school is moving on with its priorities, and showing progression in many areas. There are many things happening in the school and PR hopes that the impact of these will start to be reflected in increased attainment and positive destinations. The school wants to see year on year improvement in addition to looking at five year progression.

Pupils in the senior school have recently made course choices for next year. It has become apparent that the choice form needs to start reflecting the many activities beyond academic subjects; this will be developed for next year.

A few new teaching appointments have been made. Support for Learning; Technical; English; Geography; Modern Studies; Chemistry.

New stats for schools have been released on Parentzone.

The update led to some discussion about the usefulness of impact assessment and how to reflect the journey travelled, as much as the final destination. There was also some discussion around measuring and evaluating progress through the Curriculum

Discussion about Primary schools – getting data from them for transition, and how the High School will use it.

Discussion about how best to measure and evaluate progress through the curriculum.

P7s lead – the school is considering ways to promote leadership throughout all years in secondary too.

4. Finance Update

£31.17 received from Easyfundraising on 29/02/16.
New bank account balance is £371.77

5. Reporting to Parents in the Broad General Education (S1 – 3)

PR discussed potential changes to S1-3 reporting; discussion around possibly incorporating some aspects of current S-6 reporting. Possible changes include a greater focus on strengths and weaknesses, and next steps. Reports to be more consistent with senior reporting and to more accurately reflect progression through curriculum.

A side note to this was a discussion about promoting the benefits of High School, and helping parents to understand that the doors are always open. It was noted that there is an increasing sense of pride in the school.

6. Bid for Parent Council Funding – Debating Club Trophy

All agreed to the funding bid for £35.95 to purchase a debating club trophy which will be awarded monthly within the club.

7. Fundraising

Parent Council to benefit from the raffle on one night of the school show (but will help to find prizes for both nights). Shamin Akhtar to be approached about possible grant funding streams for Parent Council

8. Parents' Queries

Study leave – letters to go out shortly confirming study leave arrangements

Easter study days – parent council members acknowledge strong commitment from staff to cover these. PR confirmed that there may still be some spaces available.

9. AOCB

S6 Graduation Evening to be held on 28th April. Discussion around gift to be offered to leavers in exchange for their blazer. Gift ideas to be explored.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th April 2016

GW

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