

**Deans Community High School Parent Council Meeting**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Minutes**

PRESENT: Mark Cockburn, Sandra Fallon, Jacqueline Baird, Linda Irvine, Pauline Allison

APOLOGIES: Anne Runciman, Angela Ritchie

**1. Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes were approved

Clarification was asked regarding point 2C of previous HT report on Regional Improvement Collaborative.

Q) How were areas decided?

A) Regions were selected to go together government

**2. HEAD TEACHER REPORT**

a) Counselling

A counselling service is now in place for students, with lunchtime drop-in sessions and longer referral-based sessions.

b) Easter school timetable available on website and school app.

c) School snow closures. A lot of work was posted on the school website and via Glow.

d) Parental engagement

Parent survey issued yesterday. This will help inform planning for next session.

e) Currently conducting a review of support across the school. HT asked for consideration and discussion as to what else as as a school can be done to support students achieve best for individual. Parent council was unanimous in that whilst high achieving academic students are well supported and the support has been greatly increased for students who previously may not have been given direction and support to enable them to achieve their best potential , there is a gap for students who fall between these two categories. HT hopes this can be addressed and improved.

f) News

- The S3/4 handball team finished in 2nd place at the West Lothian finals
- Cluster Band and Wind Band achieved Gold Awards in the SCBF on Saturday

- Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition took place on Friday night and Saturday

### **3. CHANGE OF TIMETABLE**

Date for S2-S5 28/5/18

Date for S6 29/5/18

#### **NEW TIMETABLE**

Although new timetable begins w/c 28/5/18 a small number of students are starting courses at college, travel or work experience placements which won't start until August. Students effected will be given study periods or alternatives to do during this time.

#### **PARENT COUNCIL AGM**

This is due to take place September 2018

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

29.5.18