

Parent Council Meeting Minute

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Present: Jacqui Baird, Mark Cockburn, Angela Ritchie, Anne Runciman, Linda Irvine and Pauline Allison Headteacher

Minutes of previous meeting were handed out and agreed by Parent Council

Blazers/Uniform: Supplier in attendance with samples. Eco blazers are made from recycled plastic bottles. Cost is £29.50 each.

Chairperson Update: Behaviour on bus generally much better – students mainly complaining re condition of bus now rather than behaviour. Elaine Cook also looking into condition of buses.

Mark Cockburn to invite several councillors to next meeting.

Head Teacher Update/Report:

Lunch Cards: 3 staff have attended training re new system which is due to go live soon.

Online Study Booking: New system being implemented to allow parents to book students onto twilight classes.

DSM: WLC asked for DSM to be issued to parent council members with noted change that only 1% only allowed to be carried forward.

Staff Changes:

Sharon Yates Appointed Acting PTC Technologies

Remy Power Temporary English teacher

Anne Hartmann Leaving after February holidays

Vacancies Permanent vacancies in learning support and modern languages

Music Dept. All exam classes being covered. Music tuition not affected. Query re no string instruments being offered at the moment.

Christmas concert feedback was very successful.

Modern Languages: All exam classes will be covered. Pupils to select language on course choice if they wish – assumption will be that a replacement will be in post soon.

Head Teacher to clarify languages being offered.

Parents Evenings: Online booking numbers are increasing using this service.

S4: 65% - 79%

S5: 71% - 88%

S6: Now 89% using service
S3: Ongoing and being looked at

If demand for a teacher exceeds demand, the teacher can call parent to discuss pupil or arrange an alternative time. School will always try to work with parents/pupils to accommodate where possible.

- Role of PC:** Chairperson (MC) raised question of role expectations. All happy at present.
- Reports:** Excellent/Good/Satisfactory interpreted different – HT to clarify.
- Subject Choices:** These were clarified re maths and English being compulsory for S4 but not S5/6.
- First Aid:** Question raised re possibility of first aid training for pupils. Headteacher discussed trainer availability and timetable but would consider the option.
- Achievements:** Enya Steinemann, Ben Scott and Rebecca Pennykid all did well at Herriot Watt University.
S3 Netball won first round in recent tournament.
Senior Wind Band awarded silver at SCBF.
Cluster Brass Ensemble awarded Gold at SCBF and will attend finals in March in Perth.
- College:** Students requiring further information should see Mrs Porteous.

Date and time next meeting: Tuesday 22 March at 6pm