

## **MINUTES OF MENZIESHILL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 04 JUNE 2014 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: H Gray, C Irons, J Leitch, A Collins (Chairperson), K Turnbull, P Crosbie (Minute), H Rennie,

### **1. Welcome**

Mrs Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

W Jackson, S Baird, L Waddell

### **3. Minutes from Last AGM**

These were noted.

### **4. Headteacher's Report**

Miss Gray noted a successful exam diet with only a few pupils failing to turn up for their exams. The exam diet for 2014/15 will run from April to June but will be more condensed than in previous years.

A self reflective review from the SQA has been received and fed back to staff with a general view of teachers understanding the exam levels well.

Focus groups with pupils will be set up on how they felt study leave was experienced this year.

Staff have been consulted regarding the possibility of a potential timetable change for next year (2015/16). Miss Gray will have more information regarding this next session.

Workshops for PT's re CfE on what challenges have been overcome and where we go from here are being set up. Also workshops for the new Higher to ensure PT's are prepared and ready for this.

Rock Challenge – Miss Gray informed the group that the school have reached the final of Rock Challenge which is due to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Caird Hall.

Leo Project – there has been great press coverage of the recent American link presented to staff in the school. A further eight subjects showed their enthusiasm for engaging in this project in the forthcoming year.

Miss Gray informed the group the school is to be losing the services of Mrs Square, Teacher in the English Department who leaves at the end of term.

There will be three Newly Qualified Teachers in the school next year in PE, RE and Art.

The results will be due on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Miss Gray informed the group that a letter would be sent home to all parents regarding a negative trend in children taking inappropriate photos and passing round on phones and social media.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Kirsty passed Miss Gray a cheque for £1000 for prizegiving leaving a remainder of £461 in the bank and £20.25 in petty cash.

## **6. Chairperson's Report**

Alison spoke about her first year as chairperson of the Parent Council – good and bad and thought it had been a huge learning curve for her with all of the events and meetings she attended on behalf of the Parent Council throughout the year.

Alison thanked Janice Leitch for all her hard work and effort over the years as Janice is now standing down from the Parent Council and presented Janice with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you.

Alison said she would like to take the Parent Council forward and thought one of the main priorities is to ask what parents want from a Parent Council and to try to engage more parents into taking part in the group.

It was agreed the school will put a questionnaire out to parents to find out what information they are looking for from the school.

New S1 induction days will be held next week and it was agreed parent council members would offer tea, coffee and juice at the parent meeting to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and leaflets handed out.

School Concert – the school concert will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Alison will check what items are in the Parent Council Cupboard and arrange for an email to be sent for items for the raffle.

## **7. Election of New Office Bearers**

Alison Collins was voted in as Chairperson by Janice Leitch and seconded by Kirsty Turnbull.

Kirsty Turnbull was voted in as Treasurer by Charlotte Irons and seconded by Heather Rennie.

Pauline Crosbie agreed to continue as Clerk for the next year.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 with further dates for the year to be agreed at this meeting.

### **ACTION POINTS FOR AUGUST MEETING**

Bingo Night – It was agreed to hold a Bingo Evening early in the school year. Details to be discussed at the meeting in August to be held possibly in September.

Facebook Page – It was agreed the Parent Council would look into starting a School Facebook Page. This will be looked into during the summer recess and discussed at the next meeting in August.

School Website – The update of the school website to be discussed at the meeting in August.

Design Questionnaire – This to be discussed at the next meeting in August.