

MINUTES OF MENZIESHILL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM

Present: H Gray, S Baird, C Irons, K Turnbull, K McNally, S Hood, F Kelly, G Scott, , P Crosbie (Minute)

Apologies: A Collins (Chairperson), H Rennie, L Waddell, C Campbell

1. Welcome

Helen welcomed everyone to the meeting in Alison's absence.

Update

S1, S2 and S3 transition mornings with Harris Academy have taken place. Miss Gray mentioned a big thank you to the Sport's Academy and Miss Chacko for their input into the events. There has been a mixed response from the transitions.

A further core group meeting has taken place. The timetabling group have taken a proposal to Paul Clancy which has to be authorised before they can progress further.

Guidance Teams from both schools will be meeting in January regarding the pupils transition into houses for the new school.

The timeline for advising staff of entitlement to voluntary retirement was due to be done by 11th December and is now overdue.

Support staff will meet with Diana Weir to discuss any vacancies in January.

Informal transitions are ongoing.

A training session was held tonight re negative impact on social media. Staff were invited to attend from Harris Academy but had another event planned. This was a productive event.

The Geography department had a recent joint event in Edinburgh recently which went well. The PE and Modern Language Departments have also had joint events.

Miss Gray has met with Taletta Jamieson (Parental Liaison Officer) and Barry Millar (New Head Teacher of Harris Academy). Mr Millar is proposing that the parent council's from both schools meet. Menzieshill High Parent Council's next meeting is due to be held on 27th January 2016. Mr Millar will check availability of representatives from Harris Academy Parent Council to join this meeting. Mr Millar is proposing to hold a meeting for all parents of both schools when he commences in January. A letter of invite will be sent early in the New Year.

33 Period Week – The consultation for the proposal to change all Dundee schools to a 33 period week is ongoing. Comments were requested and received earlier in the year and taken on board. A further letter was sent out for comments.

Miss Gray received three further comments from the revised proposal and will forward on to Paul Clancy. A decision will then be taken once all comments have been noted and if the proposal is to go ahead a report will be prepared to go to committee in January 2016.

Bingo Evening – The Parent Council have agreed to host a Bingo Evening on Wednesday 17th February 2016. It is hoped to have a good attendance at the event as it will be the last one held in the school and the proceeds are going to the Year Books with the History of the School.

It is hoped to have a quiz sheet and home baking at the interval to help make this night a night to remember.

Miss Gray suggested a prize for the house who sell the most tickets for the night.

Mr Baird will put in a let for the evening.

Licence – The licence for events is due to be renewed at a cost of £20. Mrs Turnbull will pay this from funds.

Project Board Meeting – Mrs Irons, Mrs Campbell and Miss Gray attended the recent Project Board Meeting for Harris Academy. The minute from the meeting has been forwarded for information. These meetings are ongoing and Mrs Irons will feedback.

The next meeting will be held in Menzieshill High School on Wednesday 27th January, 2016 at 6.30 pm.