

MINUTES OF MENZIESHILL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 MARCH 2016 AT 6.30 PM

Present: A Collins (Chairperson), T Stewart, **L. Chacko**, L Waddell, C Irons, K Turnbull, K McNally, G Scott, C Campbell, P Crosbie (Minute)

Apologies: H Gray, S Baird, H Rennie, T Jamieson

1. Welcome

Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an update of a meeting she attended recently with Taletta Jamieson and Gordon (Chair of Harris Parent Council). We have requested £200 towards our funds which will be transferred into our bank account for admin incidentals. We will also be able to request a further £100 after April 2016. Harris have requested a sum to cover hospitality and refreshments at future parent evenings to be held in June of this year to bring Menzieshill and Harris parents together. Harris Academy are hoping to bring their annual AGM forward to August this year to hopefully incorporate parents from Menzieshill early in the year. There may be positions available on the board of Harris Parent Council at this time. Alison confirmed Helen's new appointment as Head Teacher of Morgan Academy.

Alison thanked everyone involved at the recent Bingo Evening for their help. A total of £750 was raised on the evening which all went to support the year books. There is a total of £520 in the bank at present which will be passed to the committee for our annual prizegiving.

Update

Tom Stewart, Depute Head Teacher, updated the group in Helen's absence.

Study days for senior pupils for exams this year will be from 6th – 25th May inclusive. If any pupils have exams outwith these dates they are entitled to stay off for the day of their exam.

Year/Legacy Book – The book will be a celebration of this year's pupils but also a legacy to the school as a memento of the school's closure. A final draft has yet to be seen.

Timetabling – All senior pupils will be attending the new Harris Academy throughout June to attend classes in their new timetable. S2 and S3 from each school will stay at Menzieshill and **Lawton Road** and will join the new school in August with the new S1 intake. The senior pupils will be able to support S1,2 and 3 at this time. The new **courses** for S1, 2 and 3 will begin in August. In June senior pupils will be bussed to and from the new Harris building and will attend timetabled classes in the new building from 9.30 am to 3 pm. Staff who are moving to the new building will be teaching the majority of lessons from the new building throughout June.

Last Week in June – Prizegiving will take place on Monday 27th June and it is hoped to hold an open day on Tuesday 28th June with **presentation, exhibition and** guided walks around the building (to be confirmed). Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be closure days with the last day for pupils attending being Tuesday.

Consultation on School Uniform – This is still ongoing.

L Chacko: Transport – Transport letters have all gone out to pupils both in and out of the catchment area. An application form has been enclosed for those within the catchment area to be completed and returned to the school. A third letter will be sent to those pupils who live in the Perth and Kinross and Angus council areas. It was suggested these parents contact their local authority for more clarification around transport. Confirmation has not yet been received regarding the method of transport used – either bus passes or NEC cards.

Walking routes, crossing patrols, parking, pick ups have still to be discussed at the transport meetings.

AGM – Our AGM will be held in June to dissolve the current parent council.