

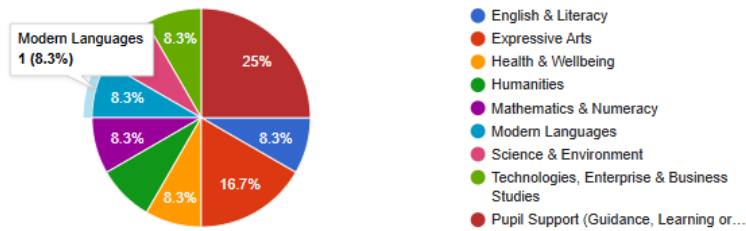
EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes : Thursday 11.6.26 7pm Hybrid in person and online meeting

<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Chair: Alice Caldock (AC) Alex Johnson Hilary Thompson Heather Toal Jess McBeath</p> <p>Online attendees:</p> <p>Rose L Karen M</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Charlotte Shortel</p>
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Agenda Item	Actions identified Who? When?
<p>1. Issues arising from previous minutes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen provision – was a link resent for the fusion app? Please note that grab & go is stopping; they will have to do this on the fusion app. This can be downloaded on the iPad; they must have an account and sign in with that, but it means young people can put their order in first thing or the night before. • Parking - AJ to raise with SBC as issues. • New S1 Evening: <i>huge</i> thanks to Heather and Sarah, who took part in the event and represented the Parent Council. Takeaway: sentiment was that a lot of parents felt they had ‘done their bit’ with previous work on their primaries Parent Council and an assumption they would have to have a specific role. We should do more promotion to boost members/attendees and have a Q&A about support. We will need to hone the Communication Policy first. 	<p>AJ: Fusion App has an onboarding code unique to pupil; this can be sent out again (for example on in-set) either at the beginning of the next academic year or now – we decided to send it twice.</p> <p>AJ spoke to AMEY and representatives: no intention to increase parking; there is enough for the number of staff and that is their measure.</p> <p>QR code on poster has now expired. We had 34 scans in total on the poster, demonstrating its effectiveness. Next time AC will use a QR code maker that <i>doesn't</i> expire.</p> <p>AJ to revisit communication policy with Richard Kennedy.</p>
<p>2. Survey of Teachers - AC to feed back to all</p> <p>Thanks to all who replied. Some insightful responses and some quick wins we would love to provide to the school.</p> <p>The low tier wants (those who provided prices) came to £628.35. These included air fryers, headphones, mini white boards and stickers. Many wanted enrichment experiences for their pupils. It was really heartening to read what small things might make a huge difference in the school. Details were sent to PC members who</p>	<p>AC proposes that we aim to get all the items in the mid-tier list, voting for mid-tier and high-tier items for departments. Equality is important and we all want the best for our learners. AC to feed back to AJ about departments not providing prices and/or quantities.</p>

provided their email.



3. Query re. Sports Day - apparently, the pupils who aren't participating in sports day no longer have the option of either going up black hill or cheering on the participants. They are to attend their timetabled classes; however, they won't be having lessons as they have been told that wouldn't be fair to the Sports Day participants. Questions have been raised about what pupils will be doing for the morning (except for period 5 when they will be allowed out to cheer on their friends.)

AJ: Last year they didn't go up; the year before we had students absconding and parents were concerned. Due to the number of exit points and staffing. AJ did not want to run that risk. AJ provided more clarity, that now it is the preference of the PE department, as having multiple sites requiring staffing is difficult on a Friday. Next year this can be put out to students as a survey.

Students can scan a QR code to opt into the day and picked by PE to participate. Students *will* have lessons. The teacher that reported they wouldn't do their lessons has been misinformed.

4. School Improvement Plan (SIP) for next session

SIP is created from survey data from students, the council and parents. AJ is looking for more feedback from parents/guardians. Unable to predict the attainment. Parents have found their child has struggled in more than one class and not finding out until parents' evening. SEEMis is being removed in two years' time and will be more customisable.

'Circle framework' to look at support all pupils in the school with ASN.

Transition: information from P7 isn't always considered (this is a similar story across many secondary schools) so the schools wish to improve that.

Only 10% of all parents responded to this survey. AJ also knows that some parents lumped the survey across primary/secondary. The school is struggling to engage with parents and guardians but 10% is not a representative amount. 40% of parents that responded they would not

<p>recommend EHS to a friend – does the school take it as a pinch of salt? If that is how parents feel, the school needs to know that, but 400-500 parents need to respond. 20% of the cohort come from out of the catchment area.</p> <p>AJ surmises that, at the primary stage, parents/guardians are more involved than at the secondary stage. Parents will be approached at parents’ evening, looking at other ways to get feedback. 2 more evenings for parental engagement.</p>	
<p>5. EHS School Library - the poster from Melrose Rotary Club looking for unwanted books was mentioned on the PC Whatsapp Group. Are the library looking for funding for new books?</p> <p>Response: Yes – they are looking.</p> <p>In additional news, the school is now an accredited ‘reading school’ and going for the silver award.</p>	
<p>6. Homework - A question was raised about homework; one PC member enquired as to what the current practice around setting work to be done at home. There was a detailed reply from another PC member that their child will be set more as the level of homework gradually increases as they progress through school.</p> <p>While that response alleviated concerns, it may be useful for new parents/guardians and those of learners moving into the next year group to know the expectation around homework, where it will be set, etc.</p>	<p>At the moment, there is not a HW policy – e.g. ‘this is what you should expect.’ Some subjects weekly/fortnightly linked the number of periods the student has.</p> <p>The school has no oversight of this, AJ cannot say homework is set consistently; he would have to explore that more in departments.</p> <p>Teams does not alert parents, but parents would like to know to help their young person. Other than ‘this is the expectation’; there isn’t a way to provide this.</p> <p>AJ will speak to PTs of the department.</p>
<p>7. Treasurer’s report £10,194 balance Travis Burne has decided to resign from this post. We thank him for his work with the Parent Council. We will seek a new treasurer.</p>	<p>AC to obtain chequebook from Travis and remove him from signatures.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting –</p> <p>September 1st @7pm – hybrid October 22nd @7pm – hybrid</p>	
<p>Agenda items next meeting:</p> <p>Communication Policy</p>	

What is the role for the Parent Reps going to be?
AGM: new S1 PC members
We could ask: would you like to be a Parent Rep? and
What would you like the school to provide for you? For all members.

SCQF levels and CIC changes

Takeaways:

Offering hybrid has been a boost to attendance.