

EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL – Parent Council Meeting @ Earlston High School

Thursday 14 September 2023

Jill McDonald (HT) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Heather Grant (DHT) took the role of chair for the first part of the meeting as no one had come forward since to the May AGM for the roles of Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer.

1. The minute of May's meeting was agreed.

2. Election of office bearers:

The following parents were proposed and seconded:

Chairperson – Alex Heneveld

Vice-chairperson – Lesley Jupp

Treasurer – it was agreed to leave this for the moment as there was little movement of funds. Any interest to be noted to A Heneveld or J McDonald.

3. Head Teacher Report

JM gave information on the following:

- New staff and currently recruiting for Head Teacher; 2 Maths teachers, Attendance officer and Pupil Support teacher.

- SQA results and target measures for 2023-24

- SBC wide priority of #SBCWay and EHS priorities:

Learning and Teaching : Pedagogy of Plan for thinking

A Nurturing School : Neurodiversity

Attainment for All : Curriculum design with a focus on S3

4. Presentation by Lauren Lees (DHT) on Cognitive Load Theory.

LL also explained that the school is focusing on teacher questioning to check for understanding. The phrase 'show you know' is being used across the school although how students demonstrate their understanding will vary from subject to subject. In the presentation, LL used 'show me boards' to demonstrate one strategy.

5. Next meeting (Thursday 23 November 7pm)

It was agreed that this meeting would be in person with a live Teams/Zoom link. JM, AH and LJ to meet on Teams two weeks prior to the next meeting to discuss the agenda. Items to be passed to AH before 9 November.