

## Earlston High School Parent Council Meeting 5 September 2019

### Apologies

Fiona Donaldson  
Laura Anderson  
Karen Wexelstein

### Attendees

Justin Sinclair (Head)  
Annabel Howell  
Kevin Holden  
Annie Jones  
Fay Lockie  
Pooee Pitman  
Jacqui Millar  
Gordon Craig  
Lesley Jupp  
Allan Dawson  
Claire Karr  
Mariana Nogueira  
Jamie Clarke (Head Team)  
Damian Hayes (Deputy Head)  
Catherine Cameron  
Lynne Morgan-Hastie

### Head Report

GTCS award – Scot Govt award based on teaching, young people's learning –  
Acknowledged the culture and the young people

1060 current roll

Attainment – 2018/19 analysis

Record breaking year with results –  
Advanced Higher (AH) – range of AH being offered – record numbers eg AH maths 32 students  
3 @ 6 is up 2% to 61%  
5 @ 6 same as last year 46% - aiming for 50% in 2020  
1@7 up 3% on last year  
2@7 up 7% on last year

1@6 is up to 77% - increase of 9%

All figures based on the Fourth Year Roll

Fourth year results – Nat 5's – predicted a lower achievement however this didn't come through and in actual fact the results 5@4 were around 96% if included with PDA and employability awards

No offer of Computing or Greek / Latin

Heather Thores to Report on Equity at Earlston at next meeting

## 2. Parent Improvement Teams

Goal setting – sub team for Learning

Goal setting

## 3. Pupil Parliament Funding

- a. Queuing systems funding for a sturdy solution to allow queuing barriers – Parent Council Funding question
- b. EHS Festival 11 am to 3 pm

## 4. S1/S2 Information evening – Head Team Thursday 12 Sept

Ideas – how information is to be communicated to Parents

Two parents email addresses

Voicemail from Head

Email from Head on a Friday

Group call –

Web site – updated weekly

Bulletin – could this be added to the web site

Every S1 Parent to get a welcome to Earlston email with some basic Guidance Teacher info

Homework – expectations from Teachers

Course outline – from the teachers

Key dates outlined

EHS hacks

## 5. Chairs Report

School Lottery – in interests of School – approx 100 regular participants - it's open to anyone and everyone. Link required between the Lottery and the School policy of Equity at Earlston so that participants in the lottery have an idea of where the funding is being directed.

Parent Pay – establish a link on Parent Pay to allow parents to make donations to School / or Parent Council funds \* ACTION REQUIRED\*

Fund raising Sub Group – appetite to re establish a sub group who would concentrate on further fund raising ideas

Christmas Fayre – date to be agreed and Christmas Fayre to be relaunched. Fay Lockie to lead alongside a group of volunteers

## 6. Treasurers Report

Bank balance £6941.21

## 7. Review of Parent Surveys

To be included during next meeting

#### 8. AOCB

- a. Milk at lunch time - \*ACTION REQUIRED\* - can milk be offered as a healthy drink option at lunch time
- b. School Open day – PC ( Gordon, Jacqui and Claire volunteered) to set up table and uniform / sports kit collection / swap shop
- c. School Uniform swap shop – School to investigate option of adding Swap Shop to either or both of School web site and FaceBook page. \*ACTION REQUIRED\*
- d. Earlston Got Talent – is there an appetite to run it again
- e. Homework policy – Damian to Report at next meeting \*ACTION REQUIRED\*
- f. Better seats in labs – Head reported that this has never been reported as an issue but will look into it \*ACTION REQUIRED\*
- g. Homework diary – Head reported that this will be re established with the iPad regime. Saved £4000 by not buying homework diaries
- h. Head added a Vote of Thanks to all past PC members who have recently left the School Forum
- i. Rikki (School Janitor) is putting on a show / concert at the old Wynd Theatre, Marmions, Melrose 26 Sept all funds going to Pupil Support – raffle prize donations would be welcome \*ACTION REQUIRED\* hand in to School Office or to Janitors Office
- j. Reminder to all new S1 parents of the drop off and pick up rules and advice
- k. Damian to check Parent Pay can allow CDT payments

Date of next meeting – EHS 14 November 7pm