**Newbattle Community High School**

**Parent Council & Friends of Newbattle AGM**

**20th September 2019**

# Present Apologies

# S Fairley Parent G McMillan

# C Park Parent A Donaldson

# A Westaby Parent

# K Maynard Parent

# P Mcintosh Parent

# J McGhie Parent

# M Leslie Staff

# L MacLeod Clerk

# M Davidson Chair

**Welcome**

Mark Davidson welcomed everyone to our first Parent Council Meeting (AGM) of 2019-20 session.

**Overview of Highlights of session 2018-19**

Mark talked the group through some of the successes from the previous session. Lots of positive comments from around the table on how the session has went – comments passed onto GMc.

**Summary of Improvement Plan for 2019-20**

Mark talked through our Improvement Plan for 2019-20 session highlighting that our biggest focus will be on Learning & Teaching. The Improvement Plan will be available on our Website shortly.

**Election of Office Bearers for Parent Council**

It was decided that Catherine Park would remain as chair and Andy Westaby would remain as Vice Chairperson.

**Election of Office Bearers for Friends of Newbattle**

It was decided that Jena McGhie would continue as Chairperson for Friends of Newbattle. No Vice Chairperson was put forward.

**New Members**

A discussion was had around how we can introduce new parents onto the forum. An ‘Ask the Parent’ desk will be set up at the S1 Settling Evening on 10th October 2019. ML has made sheets asking for email addresses and what information parents would be keen to hear about.

**Friends of Newbattle – Financial Report**

The report was discussed. The group decided that they would provide tea/coffee/juice for the upcoming prize giving event on 26th September 2019. They will also provide the Strawberry Tarts for the occasion.

ML will check how much Tea & Coffee is left over from last session.

**AOCB**

**Work Placement Certificate**

SF had a question about Work Placements being mentioned on SQA Certificates. Previously this would have been on the certificates but doesn’t seem to be now. MD advised to contact Miss Philp who will be able to provide more guidance on this.

**Modern/Foundation Apprenticeships**

SF raised an issue with funding with Modern/Foundation Apprenticeships ie Modern infringes on foundation funding. LM has contacted Careers Advisor to find out if this is accurate and gather some guidelines around this.

**Duke of Edinburgh**

CP asked about the pupils who still have DoE Expedition to complete.

*Update* *- A list of pupils (previously given) who still have their DoE outstanding has been sent (along with contact numbers) to Gael Belton (LLE) who organises the Expeditions. Gael was aware that there are still some Newbattle pupils outstanding and assures me that she will be in contact with the pupils/parents asap.*