



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSO HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2016

1. Present:

2. **Apologies:** Stella Lathangie, Tina Edgar

3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes approved.

New Head Teacher Jill Lothian started off the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced herself to the group. We are looking to have a revamp of the Parent Council, to encourage parental involvement and keep everyone up to date with what is happening in and around school life.

4. Headteacher's Report:

JL presented a PowerPoint presentation and ran through the information – copy attached.

JL presented the Head Teachers Report – copy attached.

Meeting was then split into groups to discuss the various points brought up by JL in the presentation:

- Involving Parents / Community in the New Build
- School Uniform
- House System
- Canteen
- Links with the Community
- Engaging with Parents

5. Chairman's Report:

Chris Mowat advised that he has not been doing very much over the past year but the recent changes to KHS are very welcome, it is a shot in the arm to move forward.

PC funds have been used for various projects. One topic which was always discussed is parental involvement, the expectation to get involved but people were put off. Something has to change; we need to move forward with a promise that things will change.

CM advised that he is standing down as Chair and expressed his thanks to all involved and which have contributed over the last 4 years and he wishes the new Chair the best of luck.

6. Treasurer's Report:

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Kerry Innes advised that she is standing down as Treasurer, new blood is required. KI advised that the PC can apply for fund as well as raising money.

JL was asked if KHS would be getting a Business Studies Teacher? JL advised that we are trying to secure a NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) but this subject is difficult to recruit.

7. Election of Office Bearers:

Chairperson – Colin Henderson (nominated and seconded)

Deputy Chairperson – Michael Scott-Watson (nominated and seconded)

Treasurer – Vacancy

Refreshments – Gillian McFadyen happy to continue in post (nominated and seconded)

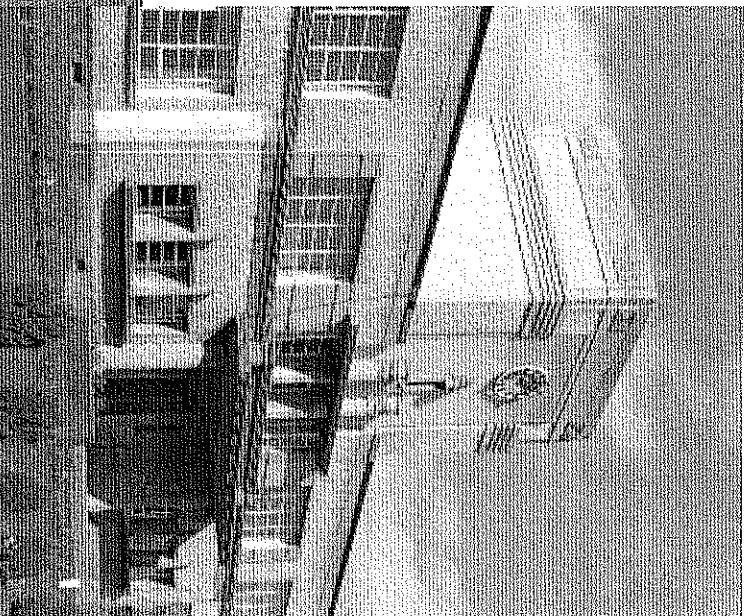
Staff Representative – To be filled on a rota system

Thomas Maconochie Representation – Colin Henderson happy to continue in post, has not yet attended a meeting

AGM concluded.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21/03/16 at 7.00pm, subject TBA.

Kelso High School

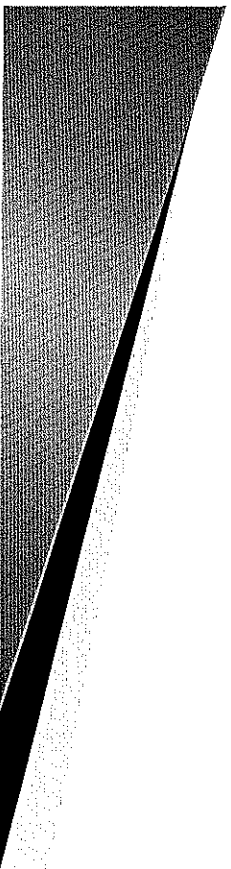


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Staffing

- ▶ New Head Teacher – Mrs Lothian

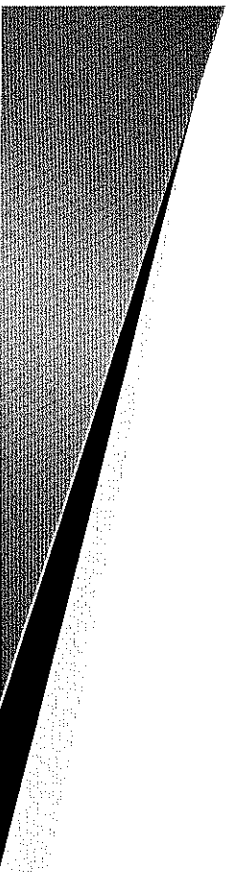
- ▶ Depute Teachers:
 - Mrs Oliver
 - Mrs Wilson
 - Mrs Milligan will replace Mrs Thomson (1st Feb)



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Core Purpose for Senior Leadership Team

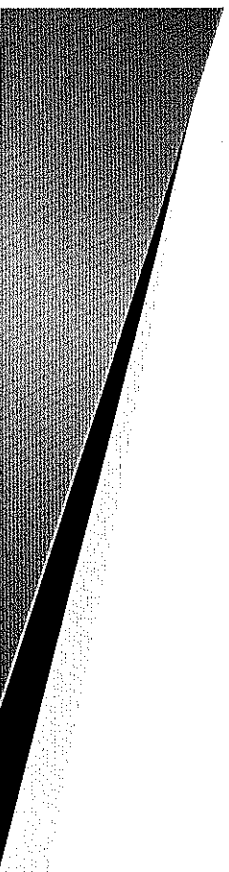
To lead and set direction, in partnership with the community, in and around Kelso High School, to ensure the best possible outcomes for our learners



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Core Purpose for Principal Teachers

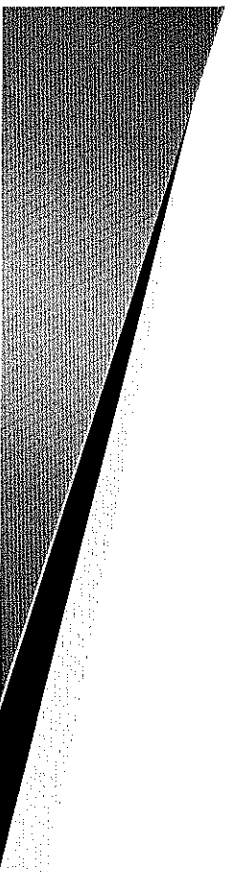
- ▶ To actively contribute and lead the direction of Kelso High School by positively influencing strategy, policy and practice to benefit the school community.



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Key Areas

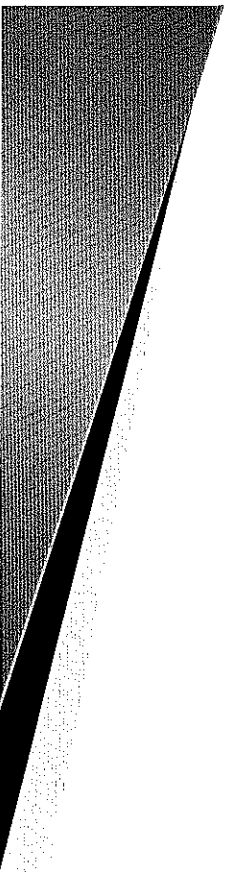
- ▶ Focused effort in all areas of the school
- ▶ Taking on feedback and doing something about it
- ▶ A growth mind set – a ‘can do’ and an ‘I will’ attitude
- ▶ Positive learning environment



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New School

- ▶ Build is planned to start in March '16 and should be complete by October '17
- ▶ State of the art Sports facilities



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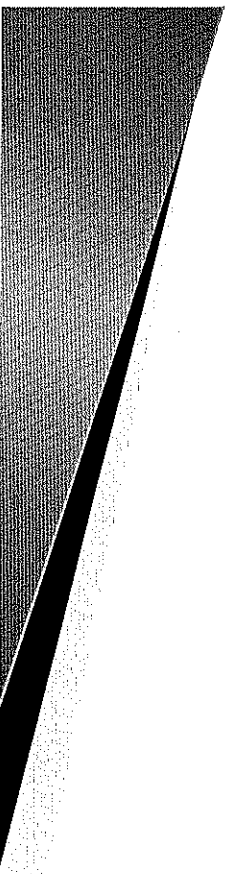
▶ Curriculum

▶ Senior Phase:

- S4 -S6 together in classes
- Adding more subjects
- Continue to work with JGS

▶ Broad General:

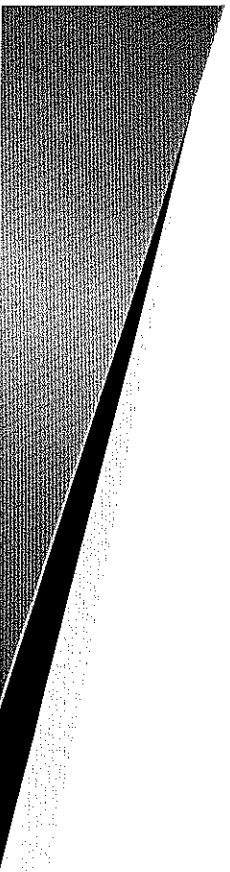
- Developing key skills
- Celebrating achievement



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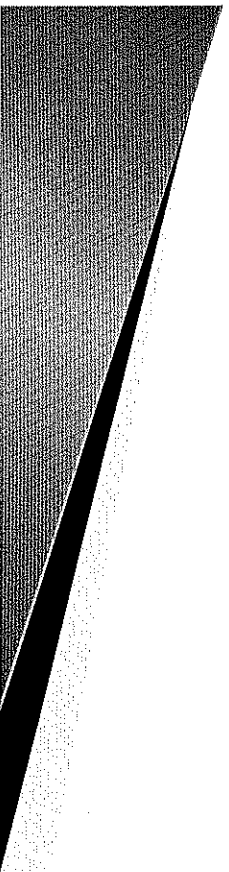
Review of:

- School uniform – shirt/tie?
- House System – house events /points /celebrations?
- Canteen – what is offered / all S1 (2016/17) to stay within school during lunch?



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- ▶ Links with the Community
- ▶ Build on concept of 'Friends of Kelso High School'
- ▶ Attend local groups e.g. Rotary
- ▶ Two S5 students will attend Community Council



KELSO HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
25th January 2016

Head Teacher's Report

Update:

- **Christmas Events**

The last week of term was very busy indeed! We had our annual Christmas Concert which showcased the talents of learners from S1 - 6. The range of performances was very impressive and the high standard achieved was testament to all the hard work that has been taking place in the Music Department - we are very lucky to have such talented youngsters and such dedicated music teachers and instructors!

Also during the week we had both our Junior and Senior Social evenings. On the Thursday, we enjoyed more fine musical performances and readings during our Christmas Service at Kelso North Church led by Rev A Rodwell and Rev J Shields. A great deal of hard work goes into all of these events and we are very grateful to all concerned whether pupil, parent or staff member for their support.

- **Media Group**

The KHS Media Group met their deadline and delivered their first newspaper - 'Kelso View'. A huge well done to all pupils involved in producing our first newsletter since 2011. The plan is to now work on a termly edition.

- **Sporting Achievements**

Well done to the senior hockey team for coming 3rd in the Scottish School under 18 Cup. They came 2nd in their pool by beating Craigholme (last year's winners) and losing 4-2 to Strathallan. They lost to George Watson's in the semi-finals 5-3 but then went on to beat Robert Gordon's College 4-0 in the 3/4 play off.

- **Rotary Young Chef Competition**

Well done to all competitors who took part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition during the last week of term, especially our very own Karrie Petty. They all made fantastic dishes and the judges were blown away! The winner was Kaitlyn Blair and runner up was Freddie Watts both from Peebles High School. Both pupils will take part in the South of Scotland final in February.

- **School Environment and Ethos**

Working on Kelso Community Code of Respect: All parents/staff/ pupils and partner agencies were asked about what they thought Respect would look, feel and hear like within the community. Statements were then written of what is expected. These statements are now being collated under three broad headings of Attitude/ Behaviour and Environment. The next step is for the working group to agree a statement under each of these headings.

- **Pupil Rep on the Kelso Community Council**

Congratulations to Lucy Anderson and Katie Fairgrieve (both S5) who have been selected to be part of this committee.

Staffing:

- Simon Eastick joined the Maths department from New Zealand - employed until June 16
- Although at present we are fully staffed with experienced Maths teachers we still have 2 full time vacancies in Maths department

Forthcoming Events:

- S6 Burns Supper – Tuesday 26th January
- Senior Prelims – Thursday 28th Jan until Thursday 11th Feb (Optional study leave 1st – 5th)
- Inservice – Friday 12th February
- S5/6 Rescheduled Parent Engagement Evening – 18th February

AGM

KHS Parent Council Treasurer's Report

January 2016

1 Main Account

Balance as at 26/01/2015	£2653.36	
<u>Income</u>		
Summer Fair	74.50	
Council grant for running costs	245.00	
2 School Christmas events	<u>153.35 *</u>	(cash not yet banked)
Total income	472.85	
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Clerk fees	425.00	
NSEA donation	250.00	
KHS Hockey donation	250.00	
KHS Battlefield trip donation	1500.00	
Parent Council Banner	<u>35.00 *</u>	(paid for from cash above)
Total outgoings	2460.00	
Balance as at statement 23/10/2015	727.86	(statements only every 3 months)
Cash still to be banked	<u>118.35</u>	
Total	846.21	

2 Lottery Account

Balance as at 26/01/2015	2476.36
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Income

12 months, Feb 2015 to Jan 2016	2937.00
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Expenditure

July, 2 winners, £500 each	1000.00
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Lottery Registration	<u>20.00</u>
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Total	1020.00
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Balance of account	4393.96
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Total over both accounts	5240.17
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