

MINUTES of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021 at 6pm via TEAMS.

PRESENT: S McIntosh, A M O'Neill, J Campbell, A McGreevy, M Scott, N Grant, J Harris, M C Nyinawumuntu, M Chelkowska

APOLOGIES: -

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer

Suzanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 7 December 2020 were adopted as a true record.

A McGreevy proposed the Minutes and A M O'Neill seconded them.

Minutes of 15 March 2021 were adopted as a true record.

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3 Matters Arising

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4 Correspondence

Suzanne encouraged members to look at the training information that was emailed recently.

Suzanne read out a letter that she had sent to John Swinney about examinations.

5 ACM

Joan showed a power point and went over the current position with our model which is a continually changing picture.

- Explained what demonstrated evidence means
- Focus Groups organised
- Assessments will take place during class time
- SQA papers amended to fit subjects
- Variety of evidence used – Only 1 assessment on a day planned
- AAA arrangements
- 14 assemblies have taken place to accommodate all S4/5/6 pupils
- Weightings SQA used for assessment
- Pupils absence during assessments can be looked at – different arrangements in different subjects
- Demonstrated attainment, resits will be decided by teacher and pupil will be told in advance
- Quality assurance – faculty, SLT, CEC all involved in process

- Pupil Supports – Year Heads helping pupils with a variety of strategies: preparation for assessments, study plans, guides, hints & tips, stress busting etc. Any anxious pupils have been helped by Head Heads for school counsellor.
- Moderation – very rigorous
- Provisional results compared with other years to look for patterns and to make sure it is right.
- 5 course will be looked at and moderated
- 11 June gathering evidence date.

Question and Answer session followed:

Q Any clear answer to the change to demonstrated evidence?

A Inferred to demonstrated attainment – we are not allowed to say ‘if this was a normal year’

Q How is the workload affecting staff?

A Significant workload issue on staff. Staff very hard working and committed as they want the best for all pupils

Q What are the Pupil focus groups?

A A group of pupils who we ask how they are doing and what else we can do to help.

Q Moderation/Assessment – how does this work?

A Joan explained how the faculty moderates/assesses, and then how they liaise with other schools to check each other’s outcomes.

Q Increased workload, staff wellbeing/absence - how does the school cope with this?

A CEC has allocated an additional Closing the Gap teacher to each secondary school, who helps teachers as required.
Extra PSA support if required
SLT and Year Heads are helping out in classes and making themselves available at all times.

Q How have you consolidated learning for pupils not coping?

A Not a one assessment process
Lot of initiatives in place
TEAMS has helped with dealing with pupils
Staff flexible if pupil has a meltdown.

Q Provisional marks in June. How is this arrived at?

A There are different weightings per subject. Can include assessment and other work done throughout the year.

Q Do pupils know the % in each element in each subject?

A Yes they will be told in time.

- Q How are you helping S1-3 pupils who have missed so much?
 A Staff are continually work hard with these year groups as well. The SAC Development Officer is helping these year groups a lot. All provisions are now up and running
- Q EAL children – what supports do they have?
 A EAL children have a profile which is shared with all teachers. They use appropriate strategies, they get a lot of help with IT.
- Q Why have PE and practical assessments not been planned yet?
 A They are planned. S4 are doing some tomorrow and will be given their dates shortly. We are trying to give as much time as possible to pupils doing practical work before doing their assessments.

6 Equalities Update

Renewal Planning includes Equalities. Have met before the Easter holidays and meeting again next week.

J Daly will meet with the Equalities Committee before 7 June as pupils will be informed then. Clerk to email Parent Council members a copy of the form we will be using to record any incidents. This form mirrors CEC guidelines.

J Daly attended a full day training last week with Hakim Dim. She is also on a short life working group looking at bullying and prejudice for denominational schools. This will be included in our action plan. We will continue to look at pupil voice and parental views.

Process in place for a pupil co-ordinator to be appointed:

- Representing the school online conference
 - Offer advice from pupil perspective
 - Pupil team will be leading the roll out of findings from the report to the whole school
- 07/06

7 Covid 19 Update

- Mitigating factors still in place. All staff and pupils should wear face coverings, sanitising, using one-way system.
- 2 covid cases since Easter.
- Whole school assemblies on return from holidays to re-enforce Health and safety.
- Blended learning on-gong
- Lateral flow tests ongoing for whole school. Keep encouraging.
- Maximum 50 in large spaces.
- IT is changing a lot in school, L McNamee and 3 teachers are now looking at this and taking forward. We are hoping to issue S3 with new ipads before the summer holidays. Need to get 180 devises returned first.

Some positives:

- Online assemblies
- Pupils and staff more digitally aware and used to using Teams

- Readiness for 1:1 digital roll out
- Parents' meetings online
- Coursing (creative thinking)

8 Head Teacher's Report

- Show My Homework is on hold.
- Transition – no 3 day visit as pupils not allowed in school
- SAC Mid-term Report and Proposal currently being worked on
- SQIP due mid-June, same Renewal Planning themes – Equity and Inclusion, Equalities, learning, Teaching and assessment, Health and Wellbeing – Pupil Council and Parent feedback
- Induction Days and S6 Leavers' Events in the planning stage

Staffing

Heather Lockie, Pandora Gardiner, Saima Hamid temporary PSAs
 Laura Kelly, teacher of Maths promoted to Trinity Academy,
 DYW Coordinator – Roisin Kenneily,
 Family Link Worker - Jude,
 2 Counsellors,
 Advert for temporary French/Italian, Art and English teachers
 Should hear middle of May which probationer teachers we will get

Staff training needs and issues with our laptops (RAM), staff ipads, staff lap tops need to buy more memory at a significant cost to the school. Staff having huge issues with IT

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9AOCB

Spaces for People Programme

Holy Rood has organised police to mark pupils' bikes and also to supply D-locks for a much reduced cost of £10. Spokes Party can offer help advice to the school if required.

Sponsorship

Julie Harris' company offering some sponsorship to the school. To come back to us with a proposal.

Church Rep

Sharon McMeeking, CL of RE, has offered to join the Parent Council as the church rep.

Finance

We need to appoint a Treasurer and two signatories for the Parent Council bank account. No volunteers, but will need to take this forward next session.

The Council had agreed to contribute £1,000 towards pupil journals for every pupil to help them with planning their studies, record keeping etc.

10 Date of next meeting

Monday 6 September 2021 at 6pm