

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

PRESENT: S McIntosh, J Campbell, J Harris, L Watson, S McMeeking, J Edwards

APOLOGIES: - M C Nyinawumuntu, M Scott, AM O'Neill, L Murray

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, F Forbes

Suzanne welcomed Sharon McMeeking and Gillian Edwards to their first meeting.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of 10 May 2021 were adopted as a true record.  
S McIntosh proposed the Minutes and J Harris seconded them.

**3 Matters Arising**

Allan McDougall Solicitors has offered sponsorship to the school. This will be money used for pupil trips/projects/sports trips etc

**4 Correspondence**

Connect emailed some useful training, all members encouraged to watch for this, booking is done online.

**5 Parent Council Membership/Training**

Suzanne stressed the importance of having a full Parent Council and the benefits to both parents and school.

**6. Equalities Update**

There is a clearly defined Renewal Plans to identify how school staff and pupils will move forward in this area.

- J Daly met with the Equalities Committee in June to share whole school findings of investigation.
- Findings from the report not yet shared with pupils due to covid disruption in June
- Copy of Equality and Inclusion Referral Form launched with staff
- SLWG on updating of the bullying and prejudice procedure for denominational schools concluded with updates agreed by HTs so that the policy mirrors the distinctive nature of Catholic schools. Our whole school procedure will be updated as part of the Renewal Plan priorities.
- Equalities Update for staff as part of August Inservice – now an annual responsibility in line with child protection update.
- Pupil Equalities Group to be refreshed and new pupil lead to be identified.

## **7 SQA Qualifications Snapshot**

F Forbes, Depute Head Teacher, gave a presentation on SQA Qualifications achieved in 2021

Suzanne asked if we are going to look at our rationale for coursing in future? The school will continue to look at 6/7/8 option choices and make decisions based on what is best for Holy Rood. There will be a review of the curriculum rationale throughout session 2021-22.

## **8 Covid 19 Update**

- Mitigating factors are all still in place. All staff and pupils to continue to wear face coverings, sanitising, using one-way system. Parents to help by encouraging their children to adhere to this.
- Whole school virtual assembly on return from holidays to re-enforce Health and safety.
- Since our return a small number of pupils tested positive and 1 member of staff.
- Blended learning for those self-isolating
- Lateral flow tests being offered and encouraged to all pupils
- Vaccination Programme – active encouragement for over 16s
- School has weekly Health & Safety Committee meetings.

## **9 Head Teacher's Report**

- S6 Leavers' Masses to be held later this month
- Senior Induction Days took place in August
- 50 S4 and S5 pupils completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition,
- 144 S6 pupils completed their First Aid SCQF Level 6
  
- This is the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. More information will follow.
- Renewal Plans - Learning, Teaching and Assessment Equity and Inclusion; Equalities; Health and Wellbeing – Pupil/Parent Input
- Empowered Learning – FF  
All teachers and pupils will receive an ipad as part of government initiative. Training for pupils and staff will be given. Roll out to S4 first (A number of ipads issued during lockdown have not been returned – school chasing up)
- IT Update – wifi survey, additional RAM purchased to help with speed and reliability
- Parent/Carer Consultation on Parents' Meetings/Tracking. How we can best support our families and next steps
  - SAC Proposal Accepted, currently working on evaluation of last year's report, due to Scottish Govt by 17/09.
  - PEF money has increased, would welcome parent/carers feedback on this. Joan explained how we currently use PEF budget
  - Extra-curricular/Local Trips now allowed
  - Parking – Joan asked again for support from parents to not park in and around school grounds. This is creating a huge traffic problem

*Staffing Update*

- Retired – Mary Kemball, teacher of Chemistry, Gillian Philp, teacher of English, and Pat Silva, Pupil Support Assistant  
Left - Lukas Senepart, teacher of Biology, Aideen Glynn, Support for Learning teacher, and Chris Simmonds, teacher of Art/Media

5 probationers have joined us this session: Fraser Hunter, DET, Nuala McAllister, Drama, Eve McMillan, French/Italian, Matthew Gilhooley, RE and Megan D'Alton, Chemistry

New staff

Helena Strachan	Chemistry	permanent
Paula Swanney	Art	permanent
Orla McGowan	English	permanent
Karen Woiwondas	French/Italian	Fixed term

10. AOB

Suzanne had asked if the pupil toilets are sometimes locked.  
Joan replied saying that toilets are always open. Pupils are encouraged to use them during breaks and lunch time and not during classes.

11. Date of Next Meeting  
Monday 1 November 2021