

MINUTES of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 1 November 2021 at 6pm via TEAMS.

PRESENT: S McIntosh, J Campbell, S McMeeking, J Edwards, A McGreevy,
L Murray, AM O'Neill, M C Nyinawumuntu, J Ramsay

APOLOGIES: - M Scott, J Harris

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, S Greig

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 6 September 2021 were adopted as a true record. S McIntosh proposed the Minutes and J Edwards seconded them.

3 Matters Arising

Under agenda items

4 Correspondence

S McIntosh encouraged members to join Connect and book onto some of their training sessions.

5 SAC/PEF Update

Joan introduced Sarah Grieg, Scottish Attainment Challenge Development Officer. Sarah explained what SAC and PEF is and where we are with this, and what we are planning on taking forward this year.

Includes:

Mentor Programme
Digital Learning Family Workshop,
Recruiting a Targeted Support Teacher
Nurture Pupil Support Assistant
Additional Counsellor

PEF helping with cost of school day, Learning resources, Extra curricular costs, nurture resources, Princes Trust, Outward Bound

6 Parents' Views

Joan asked for the views of the Parent Council on how we can promote our school ethos and aims relevant to the school and its community. The school is celebrating its 50 years anniversary and would like ideas from the Parent council. Joan agreed to email a FORM for members to complete with any ideas.

7 Locality Meetings

These meetings are organised by City of Edinburgh Council. They cover topics such as Council policies, SQA etc. Suzanne would like members to take a turn in attending these meetings. They are on a Wednesday evening and last about 1 hour.

8 Parent Council Promotion

Suzanne would like a pamphlet produced that can be issued at school events such as parents meeting. Looking for help from a member to take this forward.

9 Active Travel

Parents parking is still a big issue. School has tried numerous means of trying to get parents to stop parking in and around the school. Will continue to advise parents of the dangers.

10 Funding Opportunities

Jillian Edwards informed the members that there are numerous grants available that might be of interest to the school. She agreed to keep us informed of any funds that might be of interest to the school.

11 Head Teacher's Report

Covid 19 Update

- Mitigating factors still in place. All staff and pupils to wear face coverings, sanitising, using one-way system.
- Since our return 69 pupils tested positive and 6 members of staff,
- Lateral flow tests being offered and encouraged to all pupils
- Vaccination Programme – active encouragement for over 16s
- Weekly H & S Committee meetings in school

Events include:

- Feast Day will be celebrated with S6 Caritas pupils
- All Saints Day Mass – 1 November for S1
- S6 New Captains and Team building event (Allan McDougall sponsorship)
- Trips have re-started
- P7 Think Ahead Event going ahead
- S4/5/6 Parents' Information Evening **"Make the Senior School Matter"**

School Communication included:

- Whole school virtual assembly
- Year Group meetings in small groups
- Autumn SWAY for all parents
- S1 Parent Guide and delivery to Cluster Primary Schools in December
- S6 visits to Primary Schools

Curriculum Information includes:

- Renewal Plans - Learning, Teaching and Assessment; Equity and Inclusion; Equalities; Health and Wellbeing
- All learners from S1- S6 and all teachers will receive their own digital device (iPad)
- The phased 1:1 roll out for the city will start in September and be completed by the end of 2022
- Expansion of the wireless connectivity in schools to ensure that the correct IT structure is in place to support the programme
- Holy Rood is a "Grow" school which means that we will be somewhere in the middle phase of the rollout to secondary schools – hopefully by March 2022, The rollout will be to all year groups.

- Support will be provided at both CEC and school level for learners and parents/carers
- We have a Digital Learning Team in school to support Empowered Learning
- A Digital Leaders group has recently started with S1 pupils once a week at lunchtime.
- COP 26 and sustainability, Children's Parliament Visit
- Black History Month
- Extra-curricular and Supported Study
29 lunch time and 24 after school clubs/activities. New S4 Study Club and S1-3 Study Club
- Parent Consultation Feedback on Parents' Evenings and Reporting
- Prelims begin 22 November
- Director will be visiting the school (virtually) on 26 November

12 AOCB

- Parent Council website page not up to date. Will update now membership has settled
- Invite captains to next Parent Council Meeting.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 December 6pm