

MINUTES of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 13 March 2023 at 6pm.

PRESENT: J Harris, S McMeeking, J Edwards, F Robertson, L Murray,
D McCrae

APOLOGIES: J Campbell, A Fraser

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, F Forbes

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 14 November 2022 were adopted as a true record.

J Edwards proposed the Minutes and F Robertson seconded them.

3 Matters Arising

Community Gardens

- Sharon reported that she is liaising with the Garden volunteers and our visits to the Community Garden are going well.
- Pupils are helping to clear any litter etc. Pupils are taking ownership of the recycling initiative that is now well underway in school.

Draft Preventing & Responding to Bullying and Prejudice Policy

- The Short life working group has been set up to produce a template for anti-bullying and prejudice procedure which reflects the faith-based ethos of our denominational schools, as well as incorporating all essential national and local aspects of the generic Edinburgh policy/procedure. The policy has been shared with ECHTA.
 - There were not comments from the members having taken the policy home to read after the last meeting.

Parking

Continued concerns with parents dropping off pupils in the car park. School to look at getting pupils to make another video.

4 Correspondence

Julie Harris explained what Connect is and encouraged members of respond to the connect survey. Julie will circulate the email to all members so that they can respond.

5 Insight – Exam Analysis (F Forbes)

Fiona gave a very informative presentation on the school Insight data covering S4-6 Exam results for 2022.

6 Finance

The change of signatories is now complete. Joan agreed to email CLs for bids to be considered.

7 Head Teacher's Report

Staffing

Recruitment well underway for next session.

We are looking for staff in Maths, DET, Business, Art, Drama and Languages

New starts: PSA – Rana Narang

PE – Colin Levey

Natalie Kane returned to Social Subjects after Maternity Leave

- Leadership Opportunities -Sustainability – S Dixon and Equity - S Greig
- CL Wellbeing – job currently advertised
- New SLO PC Adam Hughes

School Information

- **S1-3 Curricular Evening** took place on Thursday 2 February, approx. 200 attended
 - **S4-6 Information Evening** was held on Wednesday 8 February, approx. 60 attended
 - **Ash Wednesday** took place on 22 February involving – 5 Masses
 - **S2 Parents' Meeting** was held on 21 February with 53% attendance
 - **Advent Charity** - £1,900 was raised for the Edinburgh Food Project Advent

Equalities Assemblies

On Thursday 2 March all S1- S4 pupils attended Equalities Assemblies and S5/6 on 13 March. Issues covered include:

- What is bullying/prejudice?
- Discrimination – The law and the protected characteristics
- What should pupils do when they experience/witness prejudice/bullying
- Current reporting mechanisms (and feedback)
- Holy Rood's approach in dealing with incidents - example provided
- Introduction of **Respect for All Anonymous Reporting Form** (via the Equalities Committee) ,- QR code and these Respect for All Posters will be displayed throughout the school.

School Events

Satchel One (This was launched on 23 January)

Astroturf Update – still waiting for update from CEC

Supported Study classes going well and Easter Classes will be offered during holidays

Transition Mass will be held in the Cathedral on 23 March

Leavers' Events and Mass dates to be confirmed

Lent Fundraising – this year's fundraising is for the earthquake appeal

9 AOCB

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10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15 May 2023 at 6pm

Signed as a true record