

MINUTES of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 30 January 2023 at 6pm.

PRESENT: J Harris, J Campbell, S McMeeking, J Edwards, A Fraser, F Robertson, A McGreevy

APOLOGIES: J Ramsay, Marie Claire

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, R Wade, D Macrae, R Wilson

2 Minutes of previous meeting

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

J Harris proposed the Minutes and J Edwards seconded them.

3 Matters Arising

- Parent Council leaflet. Julie had a look at the current leaflet and felt it only needed a few tweaks to it.
- Community Garden – Sharon has done some litter picking with groups of pupils. There are 3 gardens in total that she plans to visit.
- Recycling – recycling was launched today. Pupils are taking ownership of this initiative. All classrooms have recycling bins now, which pupils will collect and empty in the appropriate receptacles.
- Connect – Julie recommends that members have a look at this website.

4 Correspondence

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5 Draft Preventing & Responding to Bullying and Prejudice Policy

Joan explained that a Short-life working group has been set up to produce a template 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. Members were asked to take it away and bring any comments/ views to the next meeting

6 Finance

Jillian reported on how much money is in the account and what has still to be paid. We are currently changing over signatories. Joan agreed to email CLs for bids to be considered. A short discussion took place regarding fundraising events. Felicity offered to look into holding a quiz night.

7 Equity Interventions

Joan introduced Robyn who was the school Pupil Equity Fund co-ordinator.

Robyn is ow helping with a number of equity interventions.

Mentor Programme – This is aimed at targeted S4-6 pupils. Pupils are allocated a teacher to help with all aspects of school life eg study skills techniques, exam preparation, counselling etc.

Study Club – Predominately S1-3 pupils attend although open to all year groups. Held on a Tuesday after school in the library. Average attendance 15-20 pupils. Pupils enjoy quiet space and support with their homework.

Magic Breakfast – Breakfast club is available to all pupils from 8.10-8.40 every day. Roughly 100 pupils attend. The breakfast food is partly supplied by a charity and partly by the school. Staff in school volunteer their time and help preparing hot bagels, toast, cereal etc.

8 Head Teacher's Report

Staffing

- Miss Navarro full time permanent teacher of Maths
- Kerry Anderson our new DYW Coordinator
- Mr Levey full time permanent teacher of PE
- Aaron Mitchell, full time temporary IT Technician has now started with us
- Geetha Subramaniam - School Support Assistant in our Welfare Department
- PSA recruitment being done centrally – only 0.5 allocated to us
- Alison Farooq-Smith has started her maternity Leave and Barry Wright has returned to replace her on a temporary contract
- Sarah Greig, teacher of History has returned from Maternity Leave
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School Information

- Transition Events – Think Ahead and P6/7 Parents' Evening was very well attended with over 350 parents in attendance
- UCAS – 91 pupils have made application this year
- Christmas and Advent Charity raised £1900 for Edinburgh Food bank
- Junior Awards Ceremony
- YPI - The Scottish Association for Children with Heart Disorders £3000
- Equalities Review Feedback
- SMHW Launch 23/01
- Empowered Learning –pupil ipads have now been issued
- Strategic Equity Funding
- Astroturf Update – lifecycle survey
- S4 and S5/6 Prelims went very smoothly
- Industrial Action

Parent/Carer Information Evenings - In School Events

- Monday 23 January – Invite to all staff Digital /Online Safety Session 6-7pm (50 parents have indicated they'd like to attend)
- Thursday 2 February - **S1-3 Curricular Evening**, 6.00-7.00pm
- Wednesday 8 February - **S4-6 Information Evening**, 6.00-7.00pm

9 AOCB

Parentpay – Rachel asked whether parentpay would be an option for the S1 residential trip this year. The clerk explained the issues and difficulties that arose last year using hybrid parentpay/cash instalments, and also explained that there is an admin charge for each payment which we are trying to avoid giving to parents. The clerk explained other options of making payments and it was agreed to leave things as they are but would review if there were problems.

Leith buses – The issue with the Leith bus was raised again and after a short discussion Julie agreed to have a look into the background of this with a view to taking it forward.

Ipads – It was asked what happens to ipads that pupils have damaged and need repaired? Joan explained that we need to send them away for repair now and the school meets the cost. The plan is that parents would make a contribution towards the cost of any repairs.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Clerk to confirm either 13 or 20 March.

Signed as a true record