

Minutes of Holy Rood High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 13 January 2025 at 6pm.

PRESENT: J Harris, S McMeeking, J Campbell, J Edwards, F Robertson, D Kleinberg, A Fraser, S Garcia, D McRae

APOLOGIES: R Jakimova, J Alexander

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, School Captains

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of 18 November 2024 were adopted as a true record. J Harris proposed the Minutes and F Robertson seconded them.

3 Matters Arising

- Mobile Phone Policy is still being looked at, and will be rolled out soon.
 - Felicity attended the Archdiocesan meeting as Julie was unable to attend. It was an interesting meeting focussing on the RE Charter. There seems to be a big divide across schools. Fr Jock is looking into priests becoming more involved in secondary schools.

4 Correspondence

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5 Finance

Balance in account at 31 December 2024 £7663.43

A cheque has since been issued to Holy Rood for £1000 towards transport costs for the Loch Eil trip, £1000 towards the purchase of digital cameras for the Expressive Arts Department, and £790 to buy tents for the Duke of Edinburgh excursions.

6 School Captains and Pupil Leadership

They went over the process involved to being elected as School Captains. They then gave examples of what they have been involved in to date, including various parents meetings, primary visit, and their role in assisting the Senior Leadership Team. Julie thanked them for their very interesting and informative presentation.

7 Consultation of Changes to Religious Education and Religious Observance in Scottish Schools.

Sharon gave a presentation and explained Religious Education and Observance in Holy Rood.

To date we have had very few pupils opting out of RE and RO. Currently it is the parents who can make the decision to withdraw their child from RE and RO. There is a proposal that children themselves should be able to make the decision to opt out. There is a deadline of 25 January for parents to make a response to this proposal. After a short discussion it was agreed that Julie will email the SCES response to all members who can either make their own response or agree with the SCES response. Members to let Julie know before deadline.

8 Head Teacher's Report

Staffing

- English teacher Orla McGowan is on maternity leave
- Eoghan Condie DET teacher has moved on
- Chris Moore, has retired as DHT and now helps out teaching in the DET department

Liturgy

- Focus this year is Whole School Values
- Catholic Education Week (16 -30 November) is Pilgrims of Hope

Events /Visits

- National SCQF Conference took place on 21 November - Minister for Further and Higher Education, Mr Graham Dey, and the Chief Executive of SCQF, Pauline Radcliffe were in attendance
- Rights Respecting School - Learning Community Event - 20 November 6 - UNCRC focus on Article 2 – non-discrimination.
- YPI- 5 December. Thanks to Julie Harris for being on judging panel of YPI. Winners, Dante De Almeida, Daniel Baranski, Isla Beveridge and Chloe Arundel in S3 who represented Fresh Start.
- All S1 pupils attended the panto on 28 November. Tickets were donated to the school.

Advent

- Holy Rood's Got Talent annual event very successful again this year.
- Advent Fundraising made £2313 this year.
- S1 Party was well received by pupils
- Christmas Concert & Art Exhibition took place on 10 December

Curriculum

- Sharing the Learning Experience (SLE) Week 18 November
- S4 Prelims begin on Mon 25 November
- MVP Launch -Thurs 12 December
- S5/6 Prelims begin on Wed 15 January

- Parental Communications - Christmas Learning and Teaching newsletter
<https://tinyurl.com/5n7f6u3w>
- January Return to School Assemblies
- Pupil Success - Senior boys have reached the regional Basketball Semi Final

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10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 March 2025.