

Minutes of Holy Rood High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 18 November 2024 at 6pm.

PRESENT: J Harris, J Edwards, J Campbell, F Robertson, J Alexander, D Kleinberg,
R Jakimova, J Alexander

APOLOGIES: S McMeeking, D McCrae, J Daly (James Campbell will be reporting on behalf of Joan)

IN ATTENDANCE: J Falconer, M Connelly

1 Welcome and Introductions

Julie welcomed all members to the first meeting of the session, in particular our 2 new members.

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 13 May 2024 were adopted as a true record. J Harris proposed the Minutes and F Robertson seconded them.

4 Matters Arising

Mobile Phone Policy: No comments received from members, however Julie offered a couple of suggestions. The policy will now be finalised with staff and will then be launched with pupils. A copy of the final policy will be available on the website.

Archdiocesan Forum Network

Julie can't attend the next meeting on 25 November, but Felicity has offered to attend in her place.

5 Correspondence

6 Finance

James reported on requests that had been received.

1 New tents needed for the Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver expeditions.

£790 Approved

2 Help towards the transport costs for the S1 trip to Loch Eil

£1000 Approved

3 Expressive Arts faculty needing to purchase cameras with set specifications set by SQA. James didn't have exact figure, but will email members once he has the information. It was agreed that this figure can be agreed by email.

Fundraising was discussed and it was agreed that members should bring some ideas to the next meeting.

7 QR Codes

Martin explained what was behind the proposed introduction of using QR codes.

There is a lot of pupil movement throughout the school day which can be quite challenging at times. In particular pupils going to the toilet out with breaks and lunchtime, also pupils using fire exits when they shouldn't be. Currently there is no central record of pupil movement, and by introducing QR codes it is hoped that this will give us a record of the extent of this. Once more work has been done on this, pupils and parents will be informed accordingly.

8 SQA Attainment

James gave an overview of Insight data, explaining what this is and how the data is arrived at.

His presentation covered; Comparator schools, SIMD, Attainment results,

Improving attainment for all, Leaver destinations and next steps.

The members thanked James for a very interesting and information presentation.

9 Head Teacher's Report

James highlighted some of Joan 's items from her report. He reminded members that there is a lot of information in the SWAY newsletter that goes out to all parents.

Staffing Information

A number of new staff have been employed since August, including

3 Business Education teachers

2 DET teachers

1 Social Subjects

1 Physics

3 Expressive Arts

1 Teacher of Enhanced Support

2 PSA

1SSA

Chris Moore. Depute Head Teacher is stepping down from DHT to teacher DET. James will be Acting DHT for the time being.

School Events

School Captains appointed early September

Captains: Niamh McGhee & Uzayr Akbar and Vice Captains Gabie Scott & Ronnie Paulose

Feast Day Mass 13 and 17 Sep all year groups attended with Archbishop Cushley

Feast of All Saints with S3

Events /Visits

PE Faculty hosted a ministerial visit for Women and Girls in Sport Week. Fiona Hyslop

(MSP) and Cabinet Secretary for Transport was joined by lead officers from Netball Scotland and Network Rail.

Sign Up September S1-3 Mon 23 Sep - Extra-Curricular club or activities - over 30 different offers available for pupils

Bugsy Malone School Show 25 Sep

Curriculum

Maths Week Scotland

European Day of languages Thursday 26 September

Black History Month.

Autumn Learning and Teaching newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/N75qLfMHvNn2fjL1?ref=Link>

Service/The Common Good

67 pupil signed up to take part in Caritas

Parent Sessions

S4 Parents' Meeting – Tues 8 Oct

S3 Parents Meeting 30 Oct almost 70% attendance

“Fridays Matter” - Learning Community focus on attendance,

S1- 3 Support Session Wed 6 Nov

P6/7 Information Evening Mon 11 Nov, 6 - 7.30pm

S5/6 Parent Evening 150 attended

Parental Engagement – A new tracking system has been introduced by CEC. Parents need to sign up for this and currently there is only 50% of parents registered. It was felt it was a bit cumbersome to access. More information on this will be given in due course.

Trips

John Award Muir Trip - S1 East Links Farm Park on Tuesday 22 October.

Careers Hive – S2 STEM Trip Tuesday 29 th October and Wednesday 30 th October.

DYW Roadshow 100+ S4-6 pupils attended the DYW Roadshow at Meadowbank Stadium on Wednesday 2 October.

Loch Eil Trip 17-20 Sep - 80 S2 pupils and 8 staff Loch Eil Outward Bound

UCAS Discovery Event Tues 3 Sep morning, 120 of our S5/6 attended the UCAS Discovery

Coming Up

Sharing Learning Experience Week	w/b Monday 13 May
Cluster Pupil Council Rights Respecting Event	Thurs 16 May
New Timetable S2-4	Tuesday 21 May
S1-3 Interim Reports	Wednesday 22 May
Outdoor Learning Week beginning	w/b 27 May
Sports Day	Wednesday 29 May
SQA Examinations end	Thursday 30 May
S6 Induction Day	Thursday 30 May
S5 Induction Day	Friday 31 May
New Timetable S5/6	Monday 3 June
Senior Awards Ceremony	Wednesday 5 June, 2pm
Junior Awards Ceremony	Wednesday 12 June, 2pm
S6 Prom	Friday 7 June

10 AOCB

One member raised the issue about attendance texts not always being accurate. Martin responded saying there is a lot of work going on with this at the moment, and hopefully the introduction of QR codes will help with this.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 13 January 2025 at 6pm.

Meeting finished at 7.25pm

Signed as a true record.