

Minutes of Holy Rood High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 10 March 2025 at 6pm.

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

J Alexander

**APOLOGIES:** R Jakimova, S Hoff, J Campbell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Daly, J Falconer

## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 13 January 2025 were adopted as a true record. J Harris proposed the Minutes and F Robertson seconded them.

## **3 Matters Arising**

*Religious Observance* – Julie submitted a response on behalf of the Parent Council.

## **4 Correspondence**

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## **5 Finance**

No change in finances since last meeting.

## **6 School Uniform**

Joan reported to the members what is being proposed regarding school uniform. Scottish government is trying to reduce the cost of non-branded uniform items. Currently we only get branded blazers and ties. We currently purchase these items and then parents purchase them from us. Blazers at a reduced cost and ties free. After a short discussion we agreed that we have a concern that uniform will cost parents more and pupils would be less identifiable (eg intruders in school). The Parent Council gave the Head Teacher its support in taking this forward as she sees appropriate.

## **7 Transport from Leith**

An article appeared recently on the Lothian bus website that there are plans to cut the **12 bus** from the end of session. To date the school has had no communication regarding this. After a discussion it became clear there is huge concern regarding this. **No**

Among our concerns - Parents will opt to send their children to local schools, especially the new first year. Local state schools may become full therefore cannot accommodate these pupils. Concern about young pupils making their way to and from school, especially in the dark. Pupils waiting on 2 buses will result in late coming in the morning.

Daniel will amend his draft letter and re-issue to members to look over before Julie sends it to MSPs, Councillors, Archdiocese, Edinburgh Council etc.

## **8 Head Teacher's Report**

### ***Staffing***

James Campbell has been newly appointed Depute Head Teacher

Bruce Watt covering in the English Department

Tranche 1 and 2 of the Recruitment process has begun

### ***Lent***

Ash Wednesday Liturgies have taken place. Focus is whole school values. Fundraising for Lent ongoing.

### ***Trips***

A day in Edinburgh has been arranged by Mercat Tours for S2

The Pupil Council visited the Scottish Parliament on 18 February.

### ***Curriculum***

S5/6 Prelims begin on Wednesday 15 January

Careers & Pathways Evening took place on 18 February

S2 Information Evening held on Wednesday 28 February

S2 Parents' Meeting Thursday 6 March

An Information Evening 'S4-6 Success in the Senior School' - Thursday 30 January

Supported Study will take place during Easter holidays

Live n Learn S4 Attainment Workshops 18 February

59 pupils achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. It is estimated around 100 pupils will undertake D of E next session.

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**10 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28 April 2025.