

Minutes of Holy Rood High School Parent Council meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025 at 6pm.

**PRESENT:** J Harris, F Robertson, A Fraser, J Edwards, D Kleinberg, S Hoff, J Campbell

**APOLOGIES:** S McMeeking, D Macrae

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

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 10 March 2025 were adopted as a true record. J Harris proposed the Minutes, and F Robertson seconded them.

**3 Matters Arising**

*Uniform*

*Make it Easy for Parents – this is not an issue for Holy Rood as was first flagged by CEC.*

**4 Correspondence**

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**5 Finance**

Clerk has now received expenses for the past 2 years. Current balance £4,533.

Felicity informed the Council that the Edinburgh marathon allows schools to operate water stations which can generate funds for the school. Felicity to look into the possibility of Holy Rood becoming involved in the future.

**6 Transport from Leith**

Despite numerous correspondence with the Council regarding the withdrawal of Leith bus, the response to date is "The Council can offer no solution at this time due to financial loss. The bus will cease and end of current session" Julie has agreed to respond to this email citing our concern over safety re walking and cycling. Danile offered to have another look at this and liaise with Julie.

**7 Digital Learning Update**

Fionnula Glover gave a presentation on digital learning in Holy Rood. She also informed the Council about One note, Chat GBT, GAMMA, AI detector app. Julie thanked her for her time and for a very informative presentation.

**8 Head Teacher's Report**

### ***Staffing***

- Michael Scott, Year Head, is Acting SDO responsible for attainment/wider achievement for 2 days per week until the end of term.
- PSA and SSA recruitment completed, just awaiting PVGs
- J Grindlay in the office has secured a position with the attendance team
- Leavers - A Kirk (DYW coordinator ) and Miriam McHardy (Chaplaincy Counsellor), Marieme Corlett Music teacher (covering career break)
- 5 posts advertised (Art, Physics, CDT, English, Transition, clerical)
- Senior Development Officer and Pupil Support Leader about to be advertised

### ***Curriculum***

- SQA exams underway and going well (Supported Study has been taking place during exam leave and over Easter) and Live n Learn S4 Attainment Workshops
- Meaningful May will be taking place again this year.

### ***Liturgy***

- Includes Transition Mass and Pope Francis Requiem, Ash Wednesday, Leavers' Mass. Lenten fundraising this year is for Operation Smile

### ***Communications***

Easter Learning and Teaching Newsletter <https://shorturl.at/MPG9I>

Learning Community - Attendance Focus letters

There was a security alert at the weekend which involved some passwords needing reset, over 150 attended school.

### ***Pupil Council***

The pupils are meeting with Chartwells to look at food and the cashless catering system.

### ***Since last meeting Parent/Carer events***

- Careers & Pathways Evening – 18 February
- S2 Information Evening - Wednesday 28 February
- S2 Parents' Meeting - Thursday 6 March
- S1 Parents' Meeting – Wednesday 2 April

### ***Pupil Events***

- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Practice Expeditions
- HT conference 18 March – pupil musical performances and pupil keynote speakers
- Culture Day
- Stay Awake
- Edinburgh International Festival Launch of Schools Programme

(Librarian hosted Director of EIBF and the Carnegie winning author Joseph Coelho were entertained by two of our own 4<sup>th</sup> Years, Gabby Talbot and Patrycja Glapinska, talking about their own reading journey and the importance the Book Festival has played in their lives)

### ***Coming Up...***

- New timetable for S2-4 begins on 20 May
- New timetable for S5-6 –begins on 2 June
- Health and Well Being Sports Day - Wednesday 28th May 2025
- Duke of Edinburgh - 93 pupils qualifying expeditions 3-5 June and Silver Expeditions
- S5 pupil Induction Day on 2 June and S6 pupils on 5 June
- Senior Awards 4 June and Junior Awards 11 June
- The P7 3-day visit takes place on 17-19 June along with new intake (Enhanced Transition)

9 AOCB

### ***Mobile Phone Policy***

Use of mobiles is not a huge issue in Holy Rood. We have a mobile phone policy which works well, but need to work on consistency across the school.

### ***S2 Parents' Meeting***

Daniel reported that he attended the recent S2 Parents Meeting and was hugely impressed with the quality of the reporting by all teachers concerned.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 June 2025

**Meeting finished at 7.20pm**

Signed as a true record