

# Minutes of Harris Academy Parent Council Meeting

Date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022



## Attendance:

M. McLeod, B. Millar, E. Hallyburton, Cllr Macpherson, N. Hancock, W. Cringle, K. Pradel, K. Pradel, C. Campbell, Cllr Hay, Cllr McCready, E. Monk, K. Gillespie, Cllr Campbell, A. Stanciv, M. Ishaq, C. Meldrum, T. Beattie

## Apologies:

M. Stewart, A. Gonzalez

M. McLeod welcomed everyone to the meeting

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1	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> For the foreseeable future, Harris Parent Council meetings will be less formal so will not be proposed or seconded.	
2	<b>Chair Update</b>  M. McLeod welcomed everyone to the meeting.  <u>Matters Arising</u> M. McLeod still to send E. Hunter information for the PC page on Harris' website.  <u>Citywide Meeting</u> Please see attached minutes.	
3	<b>Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team Update</b>  <u>COVID Update</u> The Scottish Government has made mitigations in respect to COVID. The amendments that affect young people are thus: Face coverings are not mandatory in classrooms but young people and staff who wish to continue to wear one will be fully supported in doing so. Face coverings remain mandatory in all corridors and communal spaces. This is also the case on all school buses. There is an expectation this will change again on 21 <sup>st</sup> March.  <u>House Assemblies</u> These are returning.	

	<p><u>SQA Information Session</u> To help young people, parents and carers in their understanding of this year's SQA arrangements, S4-S6 families are invited to attend an information session on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March via Teams. By this time, SQA will have issued all support materials to young people, the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p><u>Curriculum Planning and the Shape of the School Day</u> T. Beattie has been appointed Acting DHT, job sharing with G. McKinlay. He spoke about Curriculum Planning and the shape of the school day with morning intervals and lunchtimes. This consultation has started (February 2022.) During May they hope to explore the requirements for delivering universal support across the school and the curriculum model. At this time, they will also look at what the BGE offer will look like from departments and the progression into the Senior Phase, looking at the courses offered, the number of qualifications 6 or 7 in S4 etc.) By October 22 they hope to pull everything together so any changes to the school's timetable can implemented in 2023.</p> <p><u>Leadership Opportunities for S3 Pupils</u> S3 pupils are being given the opportunity to be Prefects for the month of May. Applications from interested pupils will be submitted before the Easter holidays. Interviews will also take place at this time.</p> <p><u>6<sup>th</sup> Year Course Choice</u> The current 5<sup>th</sup> years will be choosing 5 subjects instead of 4. This is due to the fact that a significant number of 6<sup>th</sup> years do not study Advanced Higher and therefore waste the non-contact time that arises from studying 4 subjects. However, if pupils have a clear plan as to how they will use their non-contact time, it may be permitted.</p> <p><u>Easter School</u> This will go ahead the first week of the Easter holidays and the first 3 days of the second week.</p> <p><u>Targeted Study Support for Parents</u> A Teams meeting will be organised (10.03.22) looking at effective, efficient study techniques parents can support their children with, to help give them the tools to help consolidated knowledge.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Bus services have changed. These changes have been shared with parents through Xpressions and Twitter.</p> <p><u>Parents' Night Consultation</u> The school would like to see a hybrid model. They feel there is a disconnection with online events.</p> <p><u>City Fibre</u> There are concerns about their working practices. Pavements have been closed off and there has been a lack of directional signage.</p>		
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4	<p><b>School Captains' Update</b></p> <p><b>S3 Prefects</b> Some of the school's Prefects will be talking to S3s about Prefect duties.</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Year Ball</b> The PE department is organising a ballgown recycling event.</p> <p>The Parent Council thanked A. Stanciv and M. Ishaqm for their contributions to the meetings.</p>		
5	<p><b>School Extension</b></p> <p>This is ongoing.</p>		
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Parental Concerns</b> If parents have concerns about anything to do with their children, they should contact their child's Guidance teacher in the first instance.</p> <p><b>Heart Start</b> This is a longstanding British Heart Foundation initiative, teaching emergency life-saving skills to the public. There is a Defibrillator outside the school. K Pradel thinks it is very important all S5 &amp; 6 pupils receive CPR training.</p> <p><b>Course Choice S3 going into S4</b> It was confirmed timetables will be out at the start of May.</p>		

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