

# Minutes of Harris Academy Parent Council Meeting

Date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**Attendance:** M. McLeod, B. Millar, E. Hallyburton, L. Monk, Cllr Campbell, Cllr El Nakla, M. Stewart, T. Beattie, Cllr Macpherson, Cllr Crichton, C. Campbell, K. MacDonald, K. Gillespie, N. Hancock, V. Low

## Apologies:

W.Cringle, K. Pradel, K. Jones

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's Update</b>  M. Mcleod attended all events for new S1 families and promoted the Parent Council and its role within the school.  Cllr Campbell was congratulated on becoming Lord Provost.  M. Mcleod thanked Harris' School Captains – M. Ishaqm and A. Stanciv for their commitment and contribution to the parent council meetings. This would also have been parent K. Jones' last meeting however, she was unable to attend. Cllr McCready, Cllr Hay, Cllr Ross and MSP Michael Marra are also departing.	
3	<b>Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team Update</b>  <u>P7-S1 Transition</u> The School's Modern Languages department hosted a Passport to Europe transition event with new S1 pupils. All prospective S1 pupils will be welcomed into the building during their induction on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> June. The school has also hosted 4 Targeted Transition sessions. Through these sessions they are supporting 60 identified young people.	

	<p><u>SQA</u> Attendance at exams was extremely positive and high.</p> <p><u>Shape of the School Day and Senior Phase Study Support</u> Please see T. Beatie's presentation attached. <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10470rUPo3wNsmZMNLfQqTqe4gn0QUMW8Pu0Q0vas9FU/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10470rUPo3wNsmZMNLfQqTqe4gn0QUMW8Pu0Q0vas9FU/edit?usp=sharing</a></p> <p><u>School Uniform Supplier</u> Harris has changed school uniform suppliers to BE Schoolwear (top of Reform Street in Dundee.) This is a more convenient, easier to access supplier. The price of blazers is also more competitive: Wool Blazer £89.99; Polyester Eco-Blazer £39.50</p> <p><u>Harris Pledge</u> This is being launched in August 2022. The pledge is for every young person in Harris to have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of experiences, both academic and extra-curricular.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Plan 2022-23</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build Back Better</li> <li>2. Participation</li> <li>3. Progress</li> <li>4. Presence</li> </ol> <p>The school would like feedback on the above priorities.</p> <p><u>Dates for Diary</u> Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Prizegiving, 7pm at the Whitehall Theatre Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Summer Concert Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Term and School Session ends</p>		
4	<p><b>Course Choice</b> K. Gillespie asked why some subjects don't go ahead? If a subject is not popular within the school setting, the next step is to look across the City and see if young people can study the subject in a different school/location. This is the first year all young people had free choice to select their subjects.</p>		
5	<p><b>Heart Start &amp; Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)</b> <u>Heart Start - update</u> Training has been offered to S6 over a 2-week period.</p> <p><u>CRY</u> The school is engaging with this organisation. J. Dorward will be organising fundraising.</p>		

6	<b>Elliot Road Tennis Courts</b> The tennis courts need an upgrade and this is being supported by the Westend Community Sports Club. If they are repaired the school confirmed they would be used.		
7	<b>School Extension</b> There is a delay in the building programme which will impact completion. Potentially there could be further delays. The school is looking at alternative accommodation such as the Westpark Conference Centre.		
8	<b>AOB</b> Vicki Low commented on the low turnout of parents at this meeting. M. Mcleod attended all P7-S1 Transition evenings and spoke about the role of the Parent Council.  <u>Meeting Dates for 2022-23</u> Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug – AGM Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May		

**DONM : Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm**