

# Minute of Harris Academy Parent Voice Meeting

Date 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7pm



## Attendance:

B. Millar (HT), E. Hallyburton (Clerk), M. Mcleod (Chair), M. Stewart, L. Melrose, L. Hay, K. Zwart, C. Birse, D. Reid, C. Campbell, K. Craig, M. Crichton, K. Gillespie, S. Mitchell

## Apologies:

N. El-Nakla, B. Campbell, I. Ishaq, B. Adeola, F. Macpherson, C. Webster

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1	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>For the foreseeable future, Harris Parent Council meetings will be less formal so will not be proposed or seconded.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> Previous Harris Parent Voice minutes of meetings are now on the school website.</p>	
2	<p><b>Chair's Update</b></p> <p><u>School Inspection</u> M. Mcleod once again congratulated B. Millar and all staff on the positive, excellent outcome of their HMEi Inspection. He will be supporting the school by attending the Scrutiny Committee, when the outcomes and proposals of the inspection are discussed on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	
6	<p><b>Head Teacher/SLT Update</b></p> <p><u>School Captains</u> B. Millar thanked Inaya and Darci for all their hard work and commitment as school captains. B. Millar also welcomed Cian Birse to his first meeting as one of the new school captains for academic period, 2025-26.</p> <p><u>Parent Voice Members</u> This is M. Mcleod, K. Gillespie and E. Hallyburton's last Parent Voice meeting. B. Millar thanked them all for their commitment and loyal support to the school over the years.</p>	

	<p><u>HMEi Inspection</u> This report is now fully published. It is by far the best secondary school inspection Dundee has seen for several years. Secondary schools from other Scottish local authorities are now requesting visits.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> M. Stewart and attendance team continue to look at the whole culture of promoting and pushing positive attendance of all year groups in the school. M. Stewart reported Harris has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest overall secondary attendance in Dundee. This session 87.5% - 0.7% increase on 2023-24. Harris also has the highest secondary school care experienced attendance (88%) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest ASN attendance (83.2%.) He also highlighted year on year S3 girls are the worst attendees. The school is looking at what can be done to improve this.</p> <p><u>We are listening</u> Several teachers in Harris have been trained to support pupils in mental health and wellbeing. This training is being rolled out to young people (21 pupils in S4) as sometimes it is easier for young people to talk to their peers rather than adults.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>S1 Intake</u> 270 S1 pupils will be starting Harris Academy in the new academic year, 2025-26.</p> <p><u>Fisher Tours</u> The bus company is now in liquidation. More information to follow as this will impact senior phase college courses.</p> <p><u>Heart Start</u> This is now being rolled out to younger year groups.</p> <p><u>First Aid Training</u> All S6 pupils will participate in this. If they complete this training, they will receive a level 6 qualification. This is only open to S6 pupils due to age restrictions.</p> <p><u>Duke of Edinburgh</u> The school is gradually getting back on track with Duke of Edinburgh.</p> <p><u>Dates for Diary</u> Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Prizegiving. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – school session ends.</p> <p><u>Parent Voice Roles</u> Kirsty Craig is the new Parent Voice Clerk and will take up this role after the summer holidays.</p>		
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	M. Mcleod has nominated Lisa Melrose as the new Chair. Voting will take place at the AGM.		
	<p><b>School Captains' Update</b></p> <p><u>Highlights</u>  Winter Ceilidh, PJ Movie Night, Hallowe'en Hop, trip to Alton Towers, Sportathon.</p> <p><u>Pupil Advisory Group</u>  This was formed and branched off into different committees e.g. Safe Spaces, Charity Committee, Junior Events to name but a few. These will all continue next year.</p> <p>Cian Birse and Ella Cowie are looking forward to their roles as the new School Captains for 2025-26.</p>		
	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025 @ 7pm AGM</p>		