

Minute of Harris Academy Parent Voice Meeting

Date 21st November, 2024, 7pm



Attendance:

B. Millar (HT), E. Hallyburton (Clerk), C. Webster, F. Macpherson, , K. Gillespie, M. Crichton, S. Mitchell, K. Jones

Apologies:

S. Grant, Cllr Campbell, Cllr El-Nakla, C. Campbell, M. Mcleod, M. Stewart, B. Adeola, L. Hay, K. Marr

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1	Minutes of Previous Meeting For the foreseeable future, Harris Parent Council meetings will be less formal so will not be proposed or seconded.	
2	Chair's Update C. Webster and K. Gillespie welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
6	Head Teacher/SLT Update <u>School Buses</u> The issue with school buses at the end of the day is ongoing. On a nightly basis some young people are not getting on their bus due to capacity. B. Millar is in regular contact with Explore Dundee. Their contract is up for renewal very soon. <u>Staffing</u> Ongoing. There are a few gaps in departments which the school is managing as best they can. Senior Phase Pupil classes are given priority. <u>Prelim Dates</u> 17 th – 24 th January 2025. Study leave will run at the same time. All young people will be expected to attend school as normal from Monday 27 th January. <u>UNCRC</u>	

	<p>The school has been awarded their silver award. B. Millar thanked all the young people involved for their commitment and hard work. Work is already underway to achieve gold.</p> <p><u>Whole School Survey</u> Overall, for the young people and adults who took the time to complete this survey, the outcome was very positive. The main concerns highlighted were toilets and buses.</p> <p><u>Building Update</u> Currently there are no building issues.</p> <p><u>TEAMS</u> L. Chacko will be looking for parental feedback on TEAMS usage very soon.</p> <p><u>Guidance Team</u> A reminder, if young people in school have any concerns they should contact their Guidance Teacher.</p>		
	<p>School Captains' Update <u>Pupil Advisory Groups</u> - These have begun.</p> <p><u>Subject Ambassadors</u> – These are up and running.</p> <p><u>School Community Larder</u> – This was launched at the beginning of November and is located next to the school reception.</p> <p><u>Hallowe'en Hop</u> – a great success.</p> <p><u>Winter's Ceilidh</u> – a great success.</p>		
	<p>School Improvement Report B. Millar shared Harris' School Improvement report highlighting improvements and the evaluation of the School Improvement Plan. Attendance remains a key focus area and the school is looking to make further improvements based on last year's slight increase in attendance.</p>		
	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 14th January, 2025 @ 7pm</p>		