

Minute of Harris Academy Parent Voice Meeting



Date 5th March 2025, 7pm

Attendance:

B. Millar (HT), E. Hallyburton (Clerk), M. Mcleod (Chair), L. Hay, C. Webster, K. Gillespie, B. Adeola, F. Macpherson, M. Stewart, K. MacDonald

Apologies:

C. Campbell, N. El-Nakla, B. Campbell, S. Mitchell, L. Melrose, K. Marr, M. Crichton, K. Zwart, I. Ishaq, D. Reid

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1	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</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>Chair's Update</p> <p><u>School Inspection</u> M. Mcleod congratulated B. Millar on the school's positive inspection.</p>	
6	<p>Head Teacher/SLT Update</p> <p><u>Course Choice</u> K. MacDonald reported that Course Choice is well underway. Young people in their senior phase are being encouraged to select from all columns. They have also been told to talk to their guidance teachers.</p> <p><u>32 Period Week</u> Registration, first thing is returning from 31st May. One period of class is being removed from each year group to make this happen. Monday, Tuesday, school will end at 3.50pm and Wednesday – Friday, school will end at 3pm. K. MacDonald/B. Millar confirmed Xplore are aware of the new end of day times and buses are in place. There was also discussion about buses arriving late in the mornings due to roadworks. Parents were reassured young people would be given any information they may miss at registration, and they would not be marked down as late.</p>	

	<p><u>Attendance</u> M. Stewart and attendance team are looking at the whole culture of promoting positive attendance, looking at what is working well and identifying what needs to be strengthened. The school has joined the National Attendance improvement Programme to gain access to materials that will provide support and advice. There is now information around the school, information given at assemblies and information out to parents via Padlets about the importance of school attendance and the link to high attainment. They are also working with young people who will be unable to achieve high attendance as they are trying to get it right for all. Overall, the school is above Dundee City's average but below the national average. It was highlighted S6 had overtaken S1 for positive attendance. There is also improvement in every single year group.</p> <p><u>Easter School</u> It was confirmed Easter school will be happening this year and every subject area will be there.</p> <p><u>Prefect process</u> The school has taken onboard the feedback from parents. Interviews will take place week 1 after the Easter holidays.</p> <p><u>Heart Start</u> This is now being rolled out to younger year groups.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>HMIE</u> B. Millar reported Harris' School Inspection was very positive. He also thanked all the parents who responded to the survey. The school cannot share the gradings yet as there is a quality assurance process to go through first.</p>		
	<p>School Captains' Update The S6 Sporathon raised 6.5k. The money raised went to supporting the S6 Alton Towers trip and K. MacDonald's charity in memory of her son Josh – Little Things, Big Memories. A big thank you to all the S6 pupils who took part.</p>		
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Tuesday 20th May, 2025 @ 7pm</p>		