



Minutes of S3 Parental Focus Group Meeting



Date: Wednesday 13th November

Present: J Roy, T Madden, B Boyle, L Speirs and 10 parents

1. The meeting started with a prayer
2. J Roy welcomed everyone and explained the intended purpose of the meeting and highlighted the agenda which parents had access to as they were brought to the meeting by the guides
3. J Roy encouraged the meeting to begin by hearing from the young people who offered one thing they loved about Holyrood and one thing that could be better. Pupils gave a range of responses from clubs, trips, classes, relationships with staff and learning about subjects in a deeper context for their positives and for things they felt could be better they expressed that the fuel zone toilets and behaviour at interval here could be better.
4. School Standards- J Roy then felt this led well to the point on the agenda of school standards. All parents agreed that the uniform of the school was excellent and they supported the full school uniform from a range of reasons from equity to safety. One parent offered her insight as a parent who has joined the school in S2 and felt that the standards were excellent and she felt it had a positive impact on the behaviour of her daughter. One parent mentioned that young people with learning support input in these contexts and felt that the routines and structure were positive things. All parents welcomed procedures to tackle late coming in the morning. Parents all agreed that the promptness of texts home were also a key element in increasing attendance and a parent initiated a discussion that all parents felt that communication about effort and behaviour was excellent from the year team.
5. Pupil Planner- All parents agreed that they liked the pupil planner. Parents gave a range of responses regarding how effectively these were used at home although commented that the most frequent signature on these was that of J Roy. There was discussion regarding the use of technology in this context and asked about apps that could replace this on pupil I pads. J Roy concluded that this could be raised at the next meeting.
6. Support for pupils- All parents echoed previous comments that pastoral care team are strong in communicating with home. B Boyle and T Madden gave an insight into the life of a PTPC. The discussion continued surrounding supporting learners and in particular mental health support in the school. T Madden led a discussion with parents highlighting what we do in terms of strategy and indicated what supports there are both universal and targeted. J Roy issued parents with supporting learners document to illustrate the partners and mechanisms. One parent outlined her involvement within the JST procedures which was well received by parents.
7. Tracking and Monitoring- B Boyle outlined the current T and M system and explained to parents changes from S2. All parents stated that they indeed liked the traffic light system. Parents asked about behaviour and effort ratings and J Roy explained that these would be included in the January tracking. One parent said that the tracking was a great way of

communicating with home and that he felt the majority of parents would only get in touch if there was an issue. Meeting concluded with parents and staff enjoying brunch and an agreement being that the meeting was very productive.