1. Introduction

As an elected Parent Council on behalf of the Holyrood community, our aims and objectives are:

- to promote partnership between the school its pupils, all parents and the Catholic Church to ensure that all pupils develop their full potential leading to their lifelong activities being guided by the Holy Spirit and presence of Christ in the service of God and others;
- to work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming community which is inclusive for all partners;
- to develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of all pupils;
- to identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils;

This annual report summarises our work and presents information to evidence our goals and objectives. It also outlines membership status of the Parent Council and includes acknowledgements.

2. Initiatives & Activity

Our input during 2011/12 has focused on:

- Reviewing and delivering our role within the School’s Improvement Plan & Standards and Quality Report
- Actively assisting with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence
- Enhancing our communication with wider community
- Highlighted concern with GCC Director of Education January 2012, regarding the supply teacher allocation within Holyrood English dept – resulting in a positive resolution within 1 week.
- Representation in attendance at S1 – S6 events to promote and encourage awareness of the school Parent Council, as well as collate feedback from the wider parent forum
- Leeting and Recruitment process of our new Head Teacher
- Review pilot of “High School” documentary
- Sub committee – “Parent Working Group” - set up to review and reform Parent Consultation evenings (WIP)
- Further develop relationships and communication links with other Educational forums ; Learning Communities & Archdiocese
- Wider Educational issues arising from external bodies we work with are:-
  - CfE implementation ; assessment and reporting
  - Triple P program
  - This Is Our Faith launch Dec 2011
  - Budget challenges
  - Internet Safety / cyber issues / GLOW
  - Consultations such as :- HMie review ; School Handbook ; Technology and Learning ; ASL

NB: Parent Council members are invited to all necessary Training programs required to fulfil any activity or responsibility.
3. Communication

Communication is an area that can always be continually improved. The Parent Council at Holyrood have worked very hard to ensure we enhance all pathways for communication and ensure the wider community are provided the relevant information via the Parent Council. The following improvements have been implemented:

- Full review and redevelopment of the Parent Council web area/content
- Developed an Activity Tracker to ensure all issues are raised and resolved with full transparency
- Published and distributed quarterly Parent Council newsletter.
- Awareness and presence at school events, to allow wider parent forum to meet and discuss any aspect of school life.
- Encouraged the development and launch of weekly HT Blog
- Developed and continually conduct Parent Council awareness questionnaires / consultations
- Enhanced links with Learning Community particularly during P7/S1 transition period.

4. Other related bodies / forum

Holyrood Parent Council members are actively represented within wider local and national forums in relation to the fundamental strategic decisions and developments of Education in Scotland.

- Feeder Primaries (Audrey Harrison; Paul Toland & Joanna Murphy)
- Glasgow Parent Forum (Paul Toland; Joanna Murphy)
- National Parent Forum (Joanna Murphy)
- Recruitment & Selection Process (Audrey Harrison; Paul Toland)
- Appeal & Exclusion Process (Audrey Harrison)

All outputs are communicated and addressed during Parent Council meetings, however should you wish to discuss any aspect, please contact relevant Parent Council member.

5. Recruitment & Selection

Following the announcement that Tom McDonald was to retire in June 2012, the Parent Council were actively involved in both leeting and interviewing for Head Teacher during May / June 2012, with Parent Council representation and contribution during the entire process. The Parent Council requested some input from Pupil Council to ensure all areas of the school community were contributory in the process of choosing an appropriate successor. The first round of interviews proved unsuccessful and demonstrated how influential both the parent and pupil voice are on such a panel. However the second round successfully appointed Mr Laurie Byrne in post.
6. Annual Accounts

Last year’s accounts were presented and satisfactorily audited.

This year’s accounts are presented and discussed at this AGM, 25th September 2012 (attached). They are considered by the Parent Council to be an accurate record of our financial transactions and position and will be forwarded to appointed auditor for verification.

7. Composition of Parent Council

Holyrood Parent Council membership, which consists of approx 20 active members, is outlined in our Constitution. As always Holyrood parents are keen to be involved and be part of this democratic forum resulting in the following membership during 2011/12.

The Parent Council membership during the period has been:

- Parveen Iqbal - Chair
- Audrey Harrison - Vice Chair
- Julie MacRae - Secretary
- Laura Start - Clerk
- Donny MacKinnon - Treasurer
- Tom McDonald - HT/Advisor
- Gillian Mimnagh - Teacher Rep
- Pat Barrett - Church Rep
- Vacancy - Community Rep

Resignations tendered this AGM:
- Parveen Iqbal
- Julie MacRae
- Pat Barrett

At this AGM there will be four (4) vacant positions:
- Chair
- Secretary
- Church Rep
- Community Rep (new)

Proposed Office Bearers for 2012/13:
- Audrey Harrison - Chair
- Paul Toland - Vice Chair
- Liz Stewart - Secretary
- Laura Stark - Clerk
- Donny MacKinnon - Treasurer
- Laurie Byrne - HT/Advisor
- Gillian Mimnagh - Teacher Rep
- TBC - Church Rep
- Debbie McKenzie - Community Rep
8. Acknowledgements

Administration & Accounts
Holyrood Parent Council are very grateful for the contributions of Julie MacRae, Laura Stark and Donny MacKinnon for looking after and ensuring all administration, communication and finances are managed effectively. An extended thanks and appreciation to Julie MacRae who will be standing down as Secretary after 6 years in post.

Bernie Pollok and Audrey Harrison have continued to regularly update the school's website. All Parent Council minutes and related school communications are posted timely and accurately. To contribute to the ECO school initiative, the Parent Council would like to actively encourage all parents to utilise the website where possible. Please highlight any information you feel would be beneficial to include or comments to improve the content.

Head Teacher
Holyrood Parent Council worked very closely and effectively with our now retired Head Teacher, Mr Tom McDonald. At the request of the wider parent forum, we nominated Tom for a “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the Scottish Education event in June. Although piped at the post, Tom was shortlisted as 1 of 3 finalists for his contribution to Scottish Education during his career and we thank him for his continual support and guidance provided during his reign. Tom will be greatly missed by all and we wish him our best wishes for this retirement.

The parent council would like to express a warm welcome and continued working relationship, to our newly appointed Head Teacher, Mr Laurie Byrne. Laurie has already demonstrated how extremely proactive and enthusiastic he is in his initial time at the school and we look forward to building on existing initiatives and further developing improvements in collaboration.

And finally, to you, members and participants, for the ongoing work of the Parent Council – thank you for your time and contributions throughout 2011/12.

9. Conclusion

As per Parent Council objectives defined in the Introduction, we hope we have fulfilled our duties and acted appropriately on behalf of the wider parent community. Our activity is governed by your issues, concerns and opinions. Your continued input is vital and valued. Please ensure your voice is heard and your matters addressed by the elected Parent Council.

All parents are very welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Please come along on the dates advertised on the website.

Thank you for your continued support
Holyrood Parent Council
25th September 2012