

Minutes of the Uniform Review Committee June 7, 2017

Present: Lisa Zandbergen, Nikki McAven, Mark Richardson

Apologies: Andrew Henderson

Absent: Mark Peters

Reviewed the summary of the survey we did looking to help us understand the preferences our families have. In summary, the following has been fed back. 104 respondents with a relatively even spread across the age ranges.

The ratings were on a 1 to 100 point scale. The higher the average the stronger the preference towards the option of the right side of the continuum and a lower score a preference towards the option on the left of the continuum.

Summary of results

Do we keep red and black? The average score was 27/100 which shows a strong preference (leaning) to keep the red and black theme. For this question, the lower the score the stronger the preference toward red and black.

Do we keep or change the tartan? Average 48/100 so an even balance of preference. Some say change some say stay the same.

Is quality more important than price? Average score 43/100 so about midway indicating a balance between price and quality, not a strong lean towards cheap nor a strong lean towards high quality at a price.

Preference for strong definition or flexibility of style? Average 38/100 showing a leaning towards flexibility rather than a strict definition of uniform.

For Primary yr 1-6 relaxed uniform or very formal. Average 43/100 leaning towards a more relaxed rather than formal primary uniform.

For Middle yr 7-10 relaxed uniform or very formal. Average 62/100 leaning towards a more formal middle school uniform.

A variety of supply or school shop? Average 20/100 so a stronger lean towards a variety of supply outlets rather than just the school shop.

Discussion and decisions:

Do we keep the tartan?

Discussion: There is a rationale to change from our current unique tartan to an off the rack more accessible and price conscious material. Such a change could allow the ability to buy from a website or shop of manufacturer as well as school uniform shop. This would introduce a price competition.

Decision: view samples of options that allow our red and black to be retained as a theme in some way. Samples to be available for next meeting and for further discussion.

Style option choices should include: scort, culottes, pinafore, skirt with consideration for easy care/easy wash.

Do we keep red and black?

Initial decision: keep the red and black theme which means any changed tartan must complement this theme.

Do we maintain the distinction between primary and middle in terms of formality?

Discussion; Every indication is that this should be maintained. No decision – further discussion needed.

General Discussion

Monogramme

Do we monogram all key aspects of the uniform (shirt, jersey, cardigan, polar fleece etc). If so, with what? Is the current shield appropriate for the uniform?

Discussion: Current monogram may not be unsuitable for uniform. Graphic artist commissioned to explore concept designs for an appropriate uniform monogram. Suggested that monogramme be applied to: jersey, PE, middle school shirt.

Decision: No decisions made – further discussion needed.

Jersey

Discussion; Anecdotally there is dissatisfaction with the school jersey. Weight, cost and generally 'itchy' to wear. Samples of school merino jerseys viewed. These appear good quality well priced and potentially more comfortable to wear.

Decision: Agreed to consider merino jersey option for primary uniform
Still to discuss is middle school jersey

PE Uniform

Discussion: Agreed current PE uniform needs revamping. Samples and ideas viewed. A preference for fabric and jacket style indicated.

Decision: Two different suggested PE uniform options to be presented at next meeting for discussion. PE uniform, track suit, staff jackets and sports uniform concept to be explored.

Still to discuss and determine.

What quality/price point are we aiming at?

How defined do we want to make the uniform?

Who will supply the uniform?

Where does the polar fleece fit on the uniform list? (keep it, change it, loose it?)

A further question that must be debated is; do we offer an 'anyone' uniform option at the different levels?

Next meeting; early July