

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

AY25/26 - Meeting 1

Tuesday 16th September 2025

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Online

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Previous minutes & actions
3. Headteacher update
4. Chair update
5. Finance update
6. Fundraising update
7. Social media update
8. Other

Minutes

Present: Tommy Hynes (TH), Des Kenny (DK), Charlotte Craig (CC), Demi Smith (DS), Danielle Turner (DT), Holly Robertson (HR), Stephen Thomas (ST), Marta Biderman (MB), Lauren Robson (LR), Sarlota Mrazova (SM).

Apologies noted from: Kerry-Ann Wallace (KAW), Lorna McInnes (LM), Chris Howat (CH), Fei Low (FL), Helen White (HW).

Chair: CC

Notes: DS

1. The chair welcomed all to the Parent Council meeting & introduced new members to the group (MB, LR & SM). All current members introduced themselves & gave brief explanation of roles. CC explained general meeting format & structure of PC.

ACTION - New members who wish to be added to PC What'sApp group, please forward numbers to PC email account & also express interest if wishing to volunteer at upcoming discos in order for PVG applications to be processed.

2. Previous minutes confirmed & actions up to date.

3. Headteacher Update

- *Pupil numbers*: School roll currently 385 with more on waiting list. 14 classes at the moment, meaning all classrooms now being used. Previously had spare classroom which was used for additional learning, GCC looking at solutions for this as projections indicate numbers are set to increase in future.
- *Staff*: 5 new teaching staff joined this year & support staff now at 8. Health & Wellbeing support worker also joined recently to support student in P1 with medical condition.
- *PEF*: Set at £106,500 to raise attainment. Will be used with a whole school approach in mind. Play Therapist confirmed to support both pupils & staff through therapeutic methods. Hoping for additional SflW.
- *“The Riverbank Way”*: Currently in development highlighting expectations for both staff & pupils with the focus being consistency. Hoping to purchase displays to promote this & looking for support from the PC in future to do so.
- *Standards & Quality Report 24/25*: TH shared last years report which proved very positive & insightful. This is available for all to read in detail on the school website.

4. Chair Update

- *Chair*: DT volunteered to be new PC chair with support from KAW during transition.

- *Discos*: Disco dates for the year confirmed:

Autumn: Thursday 30th October

Winter: Thursday 18th December

Spring: Wednesday 1st April

Summer: Thursday 18th June

(P1-P3 6pm-6:50pm, P4-P7 7pm-8pm)

ACTION: CC will book lets.

- *Meetings*: Meeting dates for the year confirmed:

Tuesday 18th November (Online - Chance to prep for Xmas Fayre)

Tuesday 20th January (Online)

Tuesday 24th March (Online)

Tuesday 19th May (In Person - AGM)

ACTION: CC will book let for AGM.

DT/DS will share dates on Facebook.

DK will share meeting dates on school website & update PC email.

5. Finance Update

- *Funds*: Current balance sitting at £4099.74 which includes additional payment made from ASDA “Cashpot For Schools” made during Summer holidays totalling £364.30.

ACTION: CC will transfer additional ASDA payment to school account.

6. Fundraising Update

- DT currently looking for ideas as raffles proving difficult now that cash/alcohol prizes are prohibited. Discussed possibility of "Grab A Grand" again with gift voucher of choice as prize or "Guess Ghouls Name" for Halloween themed fundraiser. Also discussed possibility of having a Movie Night in school or Macmillan Coffee Morning.

7. Social Media Update

- *Homework:* DT shared concerns from parent regarding homework & that it may not be challenging enough. TH explained new homework policy was put into place after parent consultations last year & unfortunately it is very difficult to please everyone, so a balanced approach was developed after mixed feedback received. TH encouraged parents to consult the Termly Overview on Showbie or additional learning resources available on school website if looking for more challenging learning at home.

8. Other

Parking Buddies: HR shared concerns from parent regarding Parking Buddies being absent so far this term. TH explained unfortunately no staff are available to take out at the end of the school day as all current support staff are required to lead children out to gates as some pupils require one to one support for this. TH suggested any parents that may be willing/available to do so would be thoroughly appreciated. TH shared Police Scotland will be coming to do spot checks at yellow zig zags as they are now enforceable by law.

ACTION: DT/DS will share on Facebook to request support with Parking Buddies.

TV: TH shared plans to hopefully purchase a new LCD TV for classroom following an accident with P1 pupil last year. Class currently using TV from media suite but due to all rooms being used for classes this year, a replacement is now required for media suite.

ACTION: TH will share costs of this with PC to request support as this must be sourced through the school.

Relationship policy: DK shared currently part of remit to gather consultations on relationship policy & would like to request parent voices to support with this at some point in future.

END OF MEETING