

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

AY25/26 - AGM

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

6:30pm – 7:30pm

In School

Agenda

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

Minutes

Present: Tommy Hynes (TH), Louise Whyte (LW), Judy Bennett (JB), Danielle Turner (DT), Charlotte Craig (CC), Holly Robertson (HR), Sarlota Mrazova (SM), Marta Biderman (MB), Demi Smith (DS).

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

Chair: DT

Notes: DS

1. Welcome:

- The chair welcomed all to the PC meeting.
- CC shared report based on draft from very first AGM.

Action: TH will share updated copy with DK to post on website & keep parents informed.

2. Previous minutes & actions:

- Confirmed.

3. Finance Update:

- Current balance in funds is £1991 after deductions for contributions of fun day etc. SM suggested changing finances to financial year/academic year to give more accurate representation of financial position of PC.

4. Headteacher Update:

- Attainment success: Summary shared highlighting vast majority of pupils are progressing & significant gains have been achieved across attainment. Slight dips on occasion will be worked on next year but overall summary is very positive thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff team. Some children excel in many other areas & success is not solely focused on academic abilities.

- School improvement plan: Summary shared along with goals set for next year. TH is currently writing out evaluations to share with parents at end of term.

- School values: These were last reviewed in 2021. Now that school role has doubled, these no longer reflect entire school community so will be looking to review these next year & hoping for support from PC to have input in this to represent parent voices.

- Attendance: HSFSW currently being appointed across 6 local schools to support attendance. Holidays proving difficult but understandable due to rising costs outwith term time. TH and LW also recently attended training to support anxiety based attendance issues.

- Showbie: TH is keen for this to be utilised more to share learning summaries with parents. Will work towards this next year.

- Staff: August will bring two new probationary teachers. TH still waiting on a couple of positions to be confirmed. New class info will be shared after this. Bump up day due to take place on 18th June where children will find out classes for next year then. Current EAL teacher increasing days from 2 to 3 a week & Den teacher will be going on career break for a year so will be looking for someone else to cover this post. Both current probationary teachers leaving after this term & another staff member going on maternity leave. Mrs Bennett has also taken on the role of Digital Leader of Learning.

- Parent calendar: Currently being sorted for next session to include important dates. CC suggested extending headers down entire page of calendar to save scrolling up and down.

Action: JB will check to see if GroupCall allows an interactive calendar to be shared to make it easier for parents to access.

- Parent feedback: Feedback from survey in March showed majority of parents would like 3 open afternoons to continue next year. Some parents also expressed desire for PC minutes to be shared more widely.

Action: DT/DS will remind parents on Facebook page that these are all easily accessible on school website once minutes from current meeting are posted.

- Fun day: Successfully trialled this year in place of sports day as these were proving stressful and less enjoyable for children. The fun day proved to be much calmer & more enjoyable for kids with the general consensus being very positive. The ice cream van in particular was a huge hit! TH would like to discuss more ideas for next year to expand and diversify.

- School lets: GCC have now requested all bookings for next session to be in before end of June to ensure cover of janitors etc. All agreed PC meetings can continue online via Teams with the exception of AGM at the end of the school year.

- Disco dates agreed for next year:

Autumn - Wed 28th Oct

Winter - Wed 16th Dec

Spring - Wed 31st March

Summer - Wed 23rd June

(All 6pm-6:50pm for P1-3 & 7pm-8pm for P4-7)

- Next year's AGM:

Tuesday 1st June 6:30pm

Action: CC will book lets.

- P7 leavers: The OG group of Riverbank. Foxes have been purchased for the kids using PC funds as they were the only group not to receive one when starting P1. Leavers assembly taking place on Wed 17th June at 1:30pm. PC rep encouraged to come along to gift foxes. DS will also attend to film & take photographs.

- Thanks: TH shared vote of thanks to PC for help and support throughout year. PC reciprocated & expressed gratitude for entire staff team for all that they do.

5. Social Media Update:

- School discos: Complaints on Facebook page discussed. All agreed PC have exhausted options of party games, alternative sweets etc but overall consensus is that children seem happy with current arrangements. Suggested other room should be used for quiet space for colouring in etc to provide children with an alternative space who may struggle in busy/noisy hall. All agreed more volunteers to get PVGs are required to facilitate this due to rising number of children.

Action: DT will request for more PVG volunteers on FB in preparation for next year.

- Drop off zone: Parent requested traffic monitor/parking attendant to support this. Unfortunately this is outwith staff requirements to do so & down to parents to use responsibly & appropriately. Current temporary traffic lights recently causing even more issues. TH suggested use of parking buddies in middle of road to stop cars parking on opposite side & creating dangerous blind spots. Mr Cooper may also have cones to use to help with this.

- Pitch incident: Following an accident on school pitch before school hours, parent has requested pitch to be supervised or closed before 9am. Staff are only obligated to supervise during playtime & lunchtimes as school day officially begins at 9am. TH has requested Mr Cooper keep pitch locked before 9am to avoid this happening again.

- School shows: Parent expressed concern after their child requested speaking part in school show & wasn't given it but instead given to a classmate with poor attendance. TH explained each class decides these things differently eg. names out of a hat, children choose own parts & sometimes this may be to encourage children who have lower attendance to come into school. TH happy to speak with parent directly to discuss if they wish to get in touch.

- Uniform: Parent requested uniform changes (tartan, navy polo shirts, opposite colours for trousers/ jumpers). TH confirmed uniform cannot be changed unless majority of parent body strongly request it & can't be changed at this point in year as many new P1's have already purchased uniform. However, can source more overalls to avoid stains on clothing during art etc.

Action: LW will arrange to additional overalls order.

6. Other:

- PVG processing: SM has expressed interest to oversee application process for new members & take over from CC. Currently awaiting training for this.
- All agreed larger drinks dispensers would be extremely useful for next year's discos..

Action: SM/CC will order.

- Date of next meeting: TBC.

END OF MEETING