



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 21st May 2025, 6.30pm.

Attending: Roy McIntosh, Fiona Robertson, Maddison Moore, Cllr Andrew Parrott, Cllr Chris Ahern, Jenny Robertson, Alexandra McQueen, Anna Jellye

Apologies: -

1.	Welcome and apologies	RM
2.	Pupil Leadership Team	MM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews have taken place for the replacement of the Pupil Leadership Team. Maddi explained it was very difficult to choose between the 4 candidates as they all had similar views. New Leadership Team will be Joshua Hunter and Hannah Millar along with 2 deputies. House captains will be chosen shortly. • Due to the exams taken place there has not been much to update the parent council on. • Sports Day on 4th June – we are planning lots of activities and this should be a really good event. • Plans for Prom are under way which will also be on 4th June. • P7 Transition days are starting on 29th May so the PLT will be helping with those. • Maddi thought that this year went well and she felt that everything they had set for the year was achieved. • Roy thanked PLT for all the updates and the constant attendance to our meetings. 	
3.	Headteacher Report	FR

- Staffing: 3 Probationers PE HE Computing. PT Business & Computing - no appointment.
- Maternity cover in Business may be a potential issue and we need to make a decision about what to do to ensure continuity.
- PCWO reduction - how we manage attendance will look different from August.
- New Senior technician starts Tuesday.
- AGR covering shared paternal leave.
- RLU Teacher of Support.
- Since 4 Feb:
 - Florida Trip. Football success.
 - Paired Reading (Riverside).
 - World BookDay Visit to Waterstones.
 - YPI Final.
 - BlackWatch Museum, Scottish Parliament Visits.
 - Study Support Programme.
 - Inservice launched our Project Based Learning with staff in partnership with Daydream Believers.
 - VE Day Commemorations.
 - Exam diet nearing conclusion.
 - The Vine Trust invited Mr Walker, PT Social Studies & RMPS and Miss Robertson, Headteacher on 14 May to The Education and Skills Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This was an amazing opportunity.
 - P7 Transition evening next Thursday – Parent Council role. PC will be present and have leaflets to hand out and a presentation.
 - Newcastle Trip this weekend (football).
 - New Timetable 2 June
 - Sports Day 4 June
 - School Show 11-13 June (School of Rock)
 - Celebrating Success Assemblies on 17 June
 - Awards 19 June
 - Activities Day 24 June
 - 26 June end of session (Thursday midday)
- Today we appointed: Hannah Millar and Joshua Hunter were appointed to the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy. The level of interest and interviews were of such a high standard that Olivia Burns and Ethan Hutchison will take on the role of Deputes.
- Uniform - need some families to be supporting further.
- Whilst most of our parents engage appropriately a small reminder that staff should be treated with respect. School Communication Policy makes timescales and structure clear. Parents should also avoid contacting pupils on mobiles during lesson times. Any urgent matters should go via school reception. School is receptive to suggestions from parents.

- We have suggested before S4 being issued ties should they wish to have a presence. We can buy it wholesale. £750 approx. PC will discuss this further for next school year.
- Parent Survey - A question per week instead of sending out a full questionnaire and parents having to spend a long time answering the many questions included.

4.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny stated there is £2710.83 showing in the bank account • The Parent Council will be looking to potentially fund the S4 ties next year as it is too late this year. Otherwise we have not had many requests for funds this year. • Cllr Ahern asked if Councillors could attend the AGM as he understood this was a possibility. It is the Parent Council members decision whether they would like to invite the councillors and will get back in touch to respond. 	JR
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5.	<p>Parent Survey Returns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona stated there was very little response to the survey, only 21 people responded this year. • PGS will be looking into changing how the survey is sent out, whether 1 question is asked every week instead of answering all the questions at the same time. • Main focus was the question about how the school organises activities where parents and pupils can learn together. The Parent Council split into teams to brainstorm some ideas on how this could be achieved and came back with some great feedback. • Cllr Ahern mentioned that in Crieff High School they invited the parents to a cooking class during school time which was very well attended but this was only as part of ISP not mainstream. • Jenny mentioned that she enjoyed the Science evening held at PGS which was very successful and PGS should maybe think about doing more of these events. 	FR
6.	<p>Card Payment Machine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy did some research regarding the potential use of a card machine so the Parent Council could use it during school events and hopefully raise more funds for the school. • Sum Up seems to be the preferred system as it is affordable, £22 to start it with 1.69% transaction fee and no ongoing fees. • The Parent Council members will discuss this further and decide for next school year. The cost of the machine could be settled from the grant payment PC gets from the council. 	RM
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny thanked the school for all the great opportunities her daughter has had throughout the years. These helped her daughter grow. • Alexandra mentioned she would have liked to have more updates on the pathway course choices as nothing has been said since the courses were chosen and the new timetables will be coming out soon. Fiona explained it is difficult to give updates when the school isnt even sure what classes may or may not be going ahead depending on staffing but this is something she will discuss with school staff. • Anna thanked the school for all the opportunities PGS has provided her child. • Cllr Ahern talked about the new national 20mph speed limit coming before December 2025. Since the speed limit will change there will be no need for the school flashing signs which will be removed. Cllr Ahern also said that he put a request in to change the “bump” at the front entrance of the school into a proper crossing. 	ALL

10.	Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17th September 2025 @ 6:30pm	ALL