



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 18th February 2026, 6.30pm.

Attending: Roy McIntosh, Jenny Robertson, Alexandra McQueen, Louise Awburn, David Sinclair, Martin Reid, Cllr Chris Ahern, Sam Lewis, Joshua Hunter

Apologies: Ally Millar, Cllr Andrew Parrott

1.	Welcome and apologies	RM
2.	Pupil Leadership Team	JH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua attended the First Aid course which was an absolute success. It was a calm and relaxed environment which he said was a nice change from the Cadets training. To have all the pupils all combined within all year groups was great to see. • Charity Work – The Shoe Box Appeal – 38 boxes were completed for Ukraine. • Both Dances were very successful. The Senior Dance was very different this year as it as advertised as a Dance instead of a Ceilidh so no one felt like they could not join and as a result was greatly attended. • House Time was introduced. PLT wanted to find out how they could get more pupils interested and created 2 competitions around paper airplane making. The 1st competition was for best flyer and the 2nd one was for the best-looking plane. It was a huge success on the day and everyone really enjoyed it. • Going forward – Discussions are taking place for the continuing terms but PLT is concerned about how much time is left. For Sports Day, there will be a new activity option this year – a scavenger hunt. PLT is also thinking about what other talents/skills within the school are not shown and really think outside the box. The Christmas Concert is a great place to show the pupils talents within the music department but what else could we celebrate. We should not be comfortable in what we are doing already such as The Chase, we should push ourselves further. 	
3.	Headteacher Update	MR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past few months, Perth Grammar School has continued to thrive with a wide range of events, learning 	

opportunities and improvements that reflect our core values of Pride, Respect and Ambition.

- Family engagements and Partnership events – Strong attendance and positive dialogue have helped reinforce the partnership between families and the school, supporting pupil progress and wellbeing.

- Enrichment trips & wider learning experiences

Sky up academy trip (S2) - A dynamic media and storytelling experience supporting project based learning.

Geography Urban Edinburgh trip – Real-world learning for National Qualifications pupils.

Planetarium visit – A memorable STEM experience inspiring curiosity about space and science.

Ski trip 2026 – A very successful trip. Everything went well and pupils were delighted with great snow.

- Sports, Teams & Physical Activity

Football team success – Excellent performance and strong teamwork.

S3 Netball Team Success – Great commitment and sporting spirit.

Table Cricket at Bertha Park – Inclusive participation and fantastic representation.

Disability Sports Athletics – Positive participation and admirable resilience shown by all pupils involved and well attended.

- Celebrating Community & Culture –

Winter Disco S1-S3 / A lively, well-enjoyed event full of positive energy.

Christmas Concert – Showcasing impressive musical talent from across the school with 63 performers which was phenomenal.

Christmas Ceilidh S4-S6 – A brilliant celebration of tradition, fun and senior-phase community with lots of dancing and very smartly dressed pupils.

- Personal Development, Careers & Skills -

SDS S2 1-1 Meetings – Tailored guidance helping pupils plan future pathways.

Debate Workshop – Building communication, teamwork and critical-thinking. Martin would like to see more of this as it has proven to be very positive.

First Aid Training Course – Developing valuable life-saving skills. Yesterday 68 pupils attended and 36 more will attend next week. We are looking to maximise pupils' attainment and life skills.

- Staff Professional Learning -

Kagan Cooperative Learning Training (all staff) - Supporting active, collaborative classroom practice. Supporting staff to support changes in the curriculum and adds learning to the teaching program. A very positive few days.

Boxall Assessment Toolkit Training (support staff) - Strengthening nurture-based approaches and supporting our learning support provisions.

Online Training for PSAs – Ensuring strong, consistent pupil support across the school.

Cllr Ahern asked about ASN and mentioned that PGS was well ahead of the game which is great to see.

Cllr Ahern asked about course choices and wanted to know if due to the redundancies. Sam said that UHI pathways come from the schools and are really listening to what

	<p>courses schools are needing going forward. As a result, the courses our kids chose are still running and has not affected us so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Operations & Strategic Updates - Heating Issues update – The school has continued to work closely with property services to address recent heating challenges. Temporary measures and monitoring have been put in place and further remedial work is scheduled to ensure a stable long-term solution. Communication with families has remained a priority throughout. Mobile Device Update – The school continues to reinforce expectations around responsible and focused use of mobile devices. Clear messaging and consistent routines have helped support learning environments that are calm, respectful and free from distraction. Prelims & Assessments Opportunities – Prelims have been completed successfully, offering pupils valuable practice and feedback ahead of final assessments. Staff have built in a wide range of assessment opportunities to ensure learners are well supported in understanding their progress and next steps. Qualifications Scotland – Staff are engaging with ongoing updates from Qualifications Scotland (use to be SQA) to ensure that alignment with the evolving national landscape. This includes adapting approaches to assessment, curriculum planning and learner support as the national reform program continues to develop. We will of course share information with parents as we learn more about the new program. A School Moving Forward with Confidence – From enriching learning experiences to major cultural moments, sporting success and continuous school improvement, Perth Grammar School continues to grow as a vibrant, ambitious and supportive community. 	
4.	<p>Live Active</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam apologised on behalf of Rachel who unfortunately could not attend this meeting. • There is a higher engagement with the extracurricular sports. Pupils have had lots of opportunities to get involved with Netball, girls' football, table cricket, rugby, dance and many more. • Volunteering is picking up. • Sports ambassadors are planning a Sports Award Celebration in June 2026. During the summer and October holidays, pupils have given up their own time to do this which is greatly appreciated. • We are gathering information and see what we are not offering yet and what pupils may be interested in doing. 	SL
5.	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas Raffle raised just under £70. We did purchase a Sum-Up Card machine in the hope that 	JR

	<p>more raffles would be sold but it seems that even with this payment option the money raised still decreases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is £2843 left in the bank account but we still have yet to receive the PKC Fund which is around £650/£700. • School Ties – The Parent Council would like to offer new ties for all S3s going into S4 for which we have received quotes already. <p>Sam and David said they were grateful if the Parent Council decided to purchase the S4 ties although they do still need S1 ties as well. Sam and David will get in touch with the transition teams to see which primary school will gift an S1 tie and would will not so they have concrete numbers of ties needed.</p> <p>The Parent Council will then discuss the possibility of helping with both purchases.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Behaviour Policy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school recognizes students and we do get in touch with parents when needed. • BPU – this is an opportunity for a conversation and also have consequences as well as a plan for making it easier in the future. One of our ICGs is working on a policy right now. Policies and appendixes will hopefully help and be successful although it has to be noted it is not a change in the policy but merely a refreshment of it. It will provide options, examples and ideas which can help parents, teachers and support staff. For example, a new teacher may have information on what and how they will be teaching, new pupils may have information on what is expected of them during a school day etc... 	<p>DS</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Parent Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are supporting families that need additional support. But we are asking ourselves how we can boost our parental engagement when life is so busy and hard. We started calling 10% of our S4s parents regarding Prelims so parents were made aware of how their kids were doing. It is a positive phone call home and was very successful. We received many emails from parents to say thank you for taking the time to call. We will now take it to our PTs so instant feedback can be shared to parents and our pupils. • We are also looking into revamping our S1 Reports. Right now the report looks very grey and dull and very time consuming for teachers so we are wondering whether it may be better to speak to the pupils directly and have an overview report which is filled with colours making it more *funky*, accessible and less intimidating. 	<p>SL</p>

	<p>We are thinking of including a 16+ section asking pupils what they would like to do later in life which will be reviewed every year. There will also be a Note section from a pupils perception on how they are doing, what they enjoy etc... We are hoping to include Celebrating Success as well. This new report will be more of an overview of a human being with each skill set in a different colour. This is only a preliminary plan which we will try out and get feedback on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin added that the school has been trying many different things to increase Parent Engagement right now, thinking of what we can do to improve this and is something to think about going forward during our Parent Council meetings. • Cllr Ahern mentioned it may be a good idea to take the Parent Council meetings and make them Hybrids so there are members in person and others online so more parents can attend. • Jenny said that the Parent Council had thought about inviting the New Headteacher and potentially changing the name of the meeting to *Meet the new Head* 	
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<p>8.</p>	<p>Parent Council Chair Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy made his intentions to step down in September after the AGM. • Jenny and Alexandra followed by also sharing their wishes to step down at the same time as Roy • We have learnt so much throughout the years, being part of the Parent Council has been very rewarding and we are all hoping that the Parent Council will thrive with new ideas and new members taking on an active role. 	<p>RM</p>
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<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny attended a business course which was very interesting as it really showed how things progressed from what we learnt in school. • Joshua discussed Peer Mediation. 6 pupils including Joshua have been trained as mediators and things have really progressed with appointments being set up already. It gives pupils an opportunity to speak to a peer instead of a teacher which can be daunting sometimes. • Roy brought up the issues with the school buses and how Stagecoach did send a letter of apology. Martin talked about how Scott Jewell will be sending letters out to parents regarding changes with the bus services as there will be a new company taking over Stagecoach but is yet to be revealed. There will be no changes to the bus times, location or bus passes. The new company will 	<p>ALL</p>
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	start their contract at the start of Term 4 after the Easter holidays.	
10.	Date of next meeting - Wednesday 22nd of April 2026 @6.30pm TBC Wednesday 17th June 2026 @ 6.30pm	