



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 19th November 2025, 6.30pm.

Attending: Roy McIntosh, Jenny Robertson, Alexandra McQueen, Louise Awburn, David Sinclair, Martin Reid.

Apologies: Fiona Robertson, Cllr Andrew Parrott, Rachael Bell, Dawn Cameron

1.	Welcome and apologies	JR
2.	Pupil Leadership Team	MR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately no-one could attend the meeting from the PLT so Martin Reid gave us a few updates. • All PLT now have a different focus. House Time and House Points have been organised. • There was a paper plane competition where each house designed their own planes and decorated them which made the pupils work on their creativity and numeracy skills. Almond came 1st, Earn came 2nd and Lomond finished 3rd. • Charity Work – The Shoe Box Appeal – 38 boxes were completed this year. The items division into year groups was very successful. • Everyone looking forward to the the Winter Disco available for all pupils to attend will be on 4th December and the Ceilidh which will be held on 11th December for Senior Pupils. 	
4.	Project Base Learning - SeaStory	DC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately Dawn Cameron was unable to join us tonight but Martin Reid gave us an insight on SeaStory. • SeaStory is part of a 3-challenge program designed by Creative Thinking. Teachers and lecturers realised there was a lack of creative development skills within the curriculum and classrooms. PGS is one of 6 schools to pilot this program. Dawn Cameron is the project leader. • The 3 challenges are SeaStory, Marseum and SolarPunk. • SeaStory focuses on everything around the sea including marine life, marine biology, oil rigs and water purification. • There are 2 teams in PGS, 1 is with S1 and the other one with S2. This project is based on “learners leading the learning”, where pupils are able to self-assess 	

	<p>themselves and 1 teacher from most faculties at PGS is taking part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI is used within the school. During In-Service days there was a training on how using AI could reduce your workload which was very insightful. Martin mentioned we should not fear AI and we should instead embrace it as there is an education to be learnt around it and how it can be used responsibly. It is also giving the pupils experiences within the school. 	
5.	<p>Treasurer report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total amount in the bank account is £2739.98. Otherwise not much to report on although the Parent Council did give the opportunity to the Pupil Leadership Team to request funds if needed but so far no-one has asked but the funds are still available if required. Easyfundraising – This is a very easy way for parents to raise funds for PGS just by signing up for the app, shop and accumulate donations from many brands. 	JR

6.	<p>Headteacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have had a positive start to the session. In early October, we held a successful S1 Family Engagement event where pupils and their families took part in learning across the school. PKC has now commenced Locality Working within our catchment area. This approach aims to strengthen partnership working support children and young people, while encouraging member of our community to take personal responsibility. Parent Contact evenings for S4 and S5/6 have taken place and were well attended. In terms of whole-school improvement, we have had 2 productive in-service days, including Kagan training, which will help us enhance learning and teaching across the school. Over 40 pupils enjoyed the Belgium trip last term, and we are looking forward to the ski trip in January. All S1 and S2 pupils recently took part in a Developing the Youth Workforce session with “Hop the Whale”, learning about healthy seas and environmental sustainability. In addition, all S2 pupils will soon visit the Sky Academy in Livingston as part of project-based learning. We also held Remembrance Assemblies in partnership with Mercat Tours following the Belgium trip. Staff from the Black Watch Museum attended and praised our 	MR
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	<p>pupils for their respect and engagement during these events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally, property works have been progressing well. The theatre roof and staff toilets have been completed, and work is now underway to upgrade stage lighting and finish the control room. • Martin Reid added that it has been a successful start with the new mobile phone policy within the school. Pupils are engaging and seem somewhat relieved to not always have their phone with them. This information was collected through feedback. There also seems to be a different environment in the classrooms, which is positive. 	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny asked when Fiona Roberston will be leaving and who was in line for Headteacher. Martin explained Fiona is leaving a week on Friday and an interim will take her place on 1st December for 2 to 5 months until they can appoint a new fixed term Headteacher. The job will be advertised in December with the hope to start the interview process in January. Jenny added that there will be big changes coming to PGS with a new Headteacher and thanked Fiona (who unfortunately was unable to attend this meeting) for doing a great job throughout the years. • Jenny also asked about CDT changes as Mr Cunningham and Mrs Cunningham leave at the end of this week. Martin said they advertised for both positions (Physics & ADT) but there is a plan for cover from a Physicist who may be able to help with some engineering elements within CDT. • Cllr Chris Ahern made us aware that PKC are looking into new ISPs (Intensive Support Provisions) which are specialized school-based programs for pupils with complex <u>Additional Support Needs (ASN)</u>, designed to provide education closer to home. 3 schools have been mentioned – Viewlands Primary, Perth High and Kinross High. This new approach will make it easier especially as it will stop parents moving their children out of catchment area. Martin added that PGS have been integrating ISP into the pupils' timetables for about 4-5 years now. 	ALL
8.	<p>Date of next meeting – Wednesday 18th February 2026 @ 6:30pm.</p>	ALL

