



Perth Grammar School Parent Council

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 21st November, 6.30pm.

Attending: Janice Napier, Jenny Robertson, Scott Jewell, Fiona Robertson, Shona Shinwell, Roy McIntosh, Cllr Andrew Parrott, Cllr Chris Ahern, Greg Duncan, Christine Adam, Alexandra McQueen, Gordon Loudon (Guest Speaker)

Apologies: Aimee Stark

1.	Welcome and apologies	JN
2.	Pupil Leadership Team A&A	AM-AD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew and Archie have confirmed there area few events under way: • Winter Ceilidh and Winter Disco - Both events will include Music and Food is still to be confirmed • Feedback from pupils has been great so far • Christmas Jumper Day - 15th December • Food-bank Day TBC • Christmas Concert -12th December • Christmas Raffle - JR will put a hamper together for 12th December • Christmas Toy Appeal will be ran by PT • In March they are also looking to do a Crocs day for Down-syndrome • House Points: the House Points counters will be moved to the corridor this is underway with Mrs Cameron and PLT have a rough proposal for a Board System. This will allow people to relate more to the points be awarded and encourage friendly competition • It has been a very successful Remembrance Sunday with many taking part • Blood Drive - A few pupils were able to give blood and PLT are hoping to attend another blood drive in March during school hours so more can take part at Bertha Park 	

3.	Head Teacher Report	FR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing - Greg Duncan, Depute Headteacher - delighted to have him with us this evening. Recruited Teacher of Drama, Kaitlin Todd starts 11 Dec. Kathleen Rafferty, Chemistry Teacher, Rachel Small PCWO and Jade Montgomery DYW officer have taken up post. • Since we last met 8 weeks ago QIP, PEF overview, now accompany our SQ Report and 3 Yr Imp overview published on website: Perth Grammar - School Improvement Inservice Day we started to consider our next 3 Yr Plan as an SLT. Major focus remains our PGS 5 features of High-Quality Learning and Teaching (Positive Relationships, Everyone Engaged, Accessible Learning, Clear Expectations, Effective Communication) and Raising Attainment and Achievement. • Successful S1 Freshers' Night. • Maths Week Scotland, Music Trip, MVP Training sessions, S4 Parent Contact Evening, Geography Aviemore Trip. • Breakfast Club 08:30hrs has started as part of our Pupil Equity Funding. • Perth Grammar School played a significant role in Learning Places Scotland. Headteacher a member of the Advisory Group and a judge this year for a range of projects across all sectors of Scotland's learning estate. Chaired a session on utilising sensors to influence building functionality and informing design as well as speaker at a workshop on inclusive growth with a focus of learner pathways in the context of The Scottish Construction Accord. Most importantly four of our young people attended to share their work on Solarpunk Island (S1 STEAM) / Creative Thinking with Mrs Cameron Teacher of Technologies. Nice to see one of our LMG schools, Riverside receiving 'Innovation in Delivering a Sustainable Learning Place' award. • A Consultation on the Provisions of the Education Bill - shape of SQA will look like in future as well as review of inspection process: Education Reform: A Consultation on the provisions of the Education Bill - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space Closing date 18 Dec. Could be a 'T with the HT' session is parents wish. <p><u>Education Reform: A Consultation on the provisions of the Education Bill - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space</u></p> <p><u>Your views on Additional Support for Learning (ASL) in Scotland - About you - Scottish Parliament - Citizen Space</u> <u>Your views on Additional Support for Learning (ASL) in Scotland - Scottish Parliament - Citizen Space</u></p>		

4.	<p>Faculty Purchases Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council bank account was £5370.64 • Faculty spends total £2681.67. Items such as T-Shirts with PGS logo, Xylophone, Linguascope subscription, sublimation printer resources, text books, geography field equipment and other range of items <p>JR thanked Scott Jewell for facilitating and FR thanked everyone involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Asda Community fund cheque and faculty spends, the account balance is £2148.72. • Information has been sent to PKC to update posts filled and to apply for 2023-2024 budget. • £1135.65 from Perth Decides Community Funding can be used for a similar community/school initiative and JR in discussion with Gordon Loudon from School Pastors. 	JR
5.	<p>Property Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly Hall has reopened but is still in a moving back phase. It was noted it was much warmer than before • Morrisons Construction are still on-site until the 1st December but will be back in April until the summer due to structural concerns in the Theatre • On the 4th December the Electrical company (????) will take residence for 1 year to update and re-cable Wifi and Fire Alarm System • Pot Holes - The tarmac on car park was reported to Tayside Contract in April 23 and SJ had the property officers who said this issue will be fixed however they are looking for funding to ensure the issue is resolved long term and not just short term. It has been noticed that there are also draining issues that will need to be resolved. Cllr AP, Cllr CA discussed how they can help going forward by getting in contact with the engineers who came out. 	SJ
6.	<p>Meet the Depute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GD started at PGS on 11th September 23 • Some of what a Depute does: Staff professional learning, Family learning, Agency Links, Health & Wellbeing and has been busy working on these areas • Parental Engagement - the S1 Freshers night went really well and the feedback has been extremely positive scoring 4.5 • Parent Portal - Aims to support families although it was noted that it may not be very user friendly. Parents Teachers night for S5-S6 went well but there was technical difficulties for some. To ensure Parent Portal works well GD would appreciate any feedback from parents so improvements can be made. To do so please email the school directly - perthgrammar@pkc.gov.uk 	GD
7.	<p>Guest Speaker – School/Street Pastors</p>	GL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GL kindly came to see us and explained what a Street/School Pastor does. GL himself has been doing it for 7 years. • A School Pastor is an extension of a Street Pastor who spends time in their communities in order to assist people who they feel are in need of help, and to spread their religion through their service. • School Pastors are volunteers who commit themselves to the service of young people in their community, offering a reassuring and friendly presence to students who may not feel able to speak openly to teachers or parents. • In partnership with schools, colleges and other local agencies, they also work to enhance the safety and emotional and social well-being of students through caring, listening and helping. • Funding has been requested so more schools can have a School Pastor available as not all schools have one. It costs £350 to train a Street/School Pastor and many more are needed right now. JR discussed how Perth Decides Community Funding could be used to help. • GL mentioned that he is here once a week but will come as often as pupils need them • Strut Safe - Strut Safe is a UK-wide phone line. If you're walking alone, our volunteers will be a friendly voice to keep you company and help you feel safe until you are through the door. Lines are opened Friday & Sundays 7pm to 3am and Sundays 7pm to 1am More information can be found on https://strutsafe.org/ 	
8.	<p>AOB & date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM raised the issue with the report cards as no explanation was given to S1 parents to understand the achievement levels. FR explained letters were sent out to parents earlier in the year but some may have been missed • AM asked the reason behind one activity in particular that does not seem to go ahead on the Extra Curricular Timetable and GD will check that all activities and times are indeed going ahead. <p>RM asked if the school may be able to facilitate other activities in particular Golf. The school will mention this to the faculty and PT of Health& Wellbeing as well as Bart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JR noted that the school bulletin used to be more upbeat and full of information about achievements within the school and of individual achievements. FR will discuss with PT's to raise profile • Date of next meeting – 23rd January 2024 6:30pm 	ALL