



DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 29th May 2025

In Attendance: JByrne, PCubbon, LFitzpatrick, KLindsay-Scott, ATennant, TGibson, LMann, G Chalmers, A Gibson, L Foss, L Nickel, F Martin, J Jewitt, C Barr, L Boyd, Councillor Johnstone

Apologies –Councillor Dorward, LLoughran, TBeattie, Councillor Hyslop, AGoffar, R Challis

Minutes:S Cowan

		ACTION
1	Welcome to the meeting	
	JB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were agreed.	
2	Funding Request	
	Stuart Douglas – PT HE/PE attended the meeting to ask for some funding support. Thanked parent council for their contributions previously which have really enhanced the practical experience pupils have had in HE. Stuart asked for support with purchasing new whisks, setting up a bake club and towards the ongoing work in HE. A total of £1800 was requested. Stuart also thanked the parent council for the funding to purchase the Sports Leaders hoodies which allow the pupils to represent DHS whilst working in the community. These are now a resource which is used each year for the sports leaders. Parent Council will consider and get back to Stuart with a response.	
3	DLT Update	
	JB asked that thanks were passed on for the recent site visit. LF confirmed we would be able to do another visit again at some point. The build is on time and on budget currently. A question was asked around the toilets. LF confirmed that we are awaiting the outcome of discussions at a legal level and then a decision will be made. Questions raised around the parking available and lack of this. LF explained that we have to balance costs and space and if space is used for car parking, then we have to lose out on something else. No legal requirement to provide parking.	
4	HT Update	
	<p>SQA exams will be completed after tomorrow. All gone well.</p> <p>DHS are in the top 50 of the Time league tables which is a great position for the school to be in.</p> <p>New timetable starts Monday 2nd June as well as the new school day across the authority. Minimal changes for us however it will take time to get used to the changes.</p> <p>Paris trip was another success.</p> <p>Bag packing was a great experience for pupils involved and over £1500 raised for GAC.</p> <p>Staffing – Temp Maths post starting after summer, perm Chemistry/Biology post, temp Business to cover mat leave</p> <p>PTC ASN and Nurture interviews being held 2nd June</p> <p>Sports Day now taking place on 21st June. Arrangements have been made for those involved in school show rehearsals.</p> <p>School show tickets sales are slow and we are trying everything to increase sales so would appreciate any help from parent council in sharing the word! Crisps etc will be sold at break and parent council will provide volunteers to run this.</p> <p>CSI days have been taking place with P6 pupils.</p> <p>S6 Charities Committee – PC asked about thoughts for how to focus this moving forward. Discussed having a focus on certain charities.</p> <p>Standards & Quality report is being prepared and surveys have been sent recently to parents, pupils and staff.</p> <p>Breakfast Club is up and running since Easter. Low numbers however we are happy that those pupils who need it are using it. We will continue to encourage more pupils to attend.</p>	
5	Treasurer's Report	
	KLS advised we have £2563.61 and £500 from Foundation Scotland.	

6	PVG Checks	
	There have been some legal changes recently which means that parent councils or people with a position of responsibility are being required to be PVG checked. There are still some areas which are not clear. JB advised this is currently free via Volunteer Scotland. Agreed we would get Chair and Vice-Chair PVG checked and update the constitution. If others on the parent council want to get this done they are more than free to do so.	JB/ALL
7	GAC	
	Mrs Hogg has asked for any support with costs for buses for GAC this year. We have the £1500 from the bag packers however with increased costs and increased pupil numbers we will still be short. Mrs Hogg is currently getting prices.	
8	Funding	
	Agreed we would pay the £1800 for HE/PE as requested by Stuart Douglas. This leaves approx. £1000 for GAC buses once we get confirmation. HE/PE to be asked however to think about how they are going to fund things moving forward so we don't have to keep coming back to this every year.	
9	Christmas Fayre	
	SC shared that we have 48 stalls booked so far and space for 9-10 more. Crepe van and Dumfries Mobile Fish & Chips booked. FM confirmed that our Santa would be happy to come again this year. JB confirmed she would donate the 60 selection boxes for the santa gifts. Raffle needs to be organised and we discussed starting to ask for things earlier so we could advertise some of the gifts we have on offer. Need to organise elves to sell the tickets on the night.	SC
10	Date Of Next Meeting	
	Agreed 17 th September 2025	

AGM minutes

1	Previous Minutes	
	Previous minutes were agreed.	
2	Chair Report	
	JB gave Chair report.	
3	Positions	
	JB will now be stepping down as Chair. G Chalmers will move into the Chair position and L Mann will become the Vice-Chair. KLS will continue as Treasurer and S Cowan will continue as Secretary.	
4	Treasurer's Report	
	No changes to balances as shared earlier in Parent Council meeting.	