



DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 22nd January 2026

In Attendance: G Chalmers, J Jowett, L Mann, T Gibson, L Foss, C Barr, K Lindsay-Scott
P Cubbon, Councillor Dorward

Apologies – A Tennant, A Gibson, K Cowan, P Kirkpatrick, R Challis, F Martin

Minutes: S Cowan

		ACTION
1	Welcome to the meeting	
	GC welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year. Previous minutes approved.	
2	Previous Minutes	
	GC will take the PVG forward as still issues with finalising this.	GC
3	DLT Update	
	LF acknowledged the change to move date since he last attended. GC raised concerns about the fact this information was shared with wider groups before the school and the school community were. New date is 29 th May and awaiting the confirmation of the 4 closure days. LM raised the concerns from parents around 4 closure days and the implications of child care for some. This date is better than the original as exams all completed however acknowledge the impact this has. GC asked about some concerns raised about the state of the pitch and some chairs in 3G area. LF was not aware of this so will arrange a check on this and any repairs to be done as required. LF will also speak to Greystone about this as they have a level of responsibility for the area for the space also. CB asked about toilets. LF confirmed that there will be male and female toilets.	LF
4	HT Update	
	PC shared details of the two events for the old school – 18 th Feb for staff and 28 th Feb for pupils. PC asked for some parent council help on the 28 th Feb to do tours etc. Christmas activities all went well. We raised £1200 plus food donations for the foodbank. Monies went to APEX which is the local charity however they are closing so have returned the monies. We decided the money would therefore go to the foodbank at QoS and we may work with them moving forward. Letters have gone to parents re placements for S1 as we are looking at being full to capacity. Prelims are completed and reports will be issued in due course. Options process will be starting soon. Burns Day – we will appear on Newsround on Friday this week and repeated on Sunday. BBC were in school last week doing some filming for this. Attendance letters issued to all parents/carers due to a high rise in absences. October Assessment week will change this year based on the attendance issues we saw last year.	
5	Treasurer's Report	
	£200 was given to PE for football strips. Christmas Fayre income of £1910. Current balance is £2145.42	
6	Christmas Fayre	
	PC asked for more parent council support for this year to share the load. Agreed we need to start contacting businesses for raffle prizes earlier this year. SC shared that we will be in the new school this year and this will have implications and require more support than ever to ensure this goes well.	
7	AOCB	
	TG asked about the school process for dealing with knives in school following a couple of incidents in the region recently which have been reported in the press. PC asked if any parents have specific queries, please come to him directly. Councillor Dorward shared there was a discussion taking place at the next education committee to look at standardised	

	procedures for school. Its important that each incident is dealt with individually and there may be a different context which determines how it is dealt with.	
8	Date of next meeting	
	Thursday 5 th March at 6pm	