



**DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**In Attendance:** G Chalmers, J Jowett, L Mann, C Barr, K Lindsay-Scott, P Cubbon, Councillor Johnstone, R Challis, P Docherty, K Cowan

**Apologies** – A Tennant, A Gibson, F Martin, T Gibson, L Foss, L Nickel, L Fitzpatrick, A Gofar  
 Councillor Little, Councillor Hyslop

**Minutes:** S Cowan

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome to the meeting</b>	
	GC welcomed everyone and minutes were approved from last meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>DLT Update</b>	
	In the absence of L Foss, PC gave update. Confirmed 29 <sup>th</sup> May as handover day and the approval of the 4 closure days. As a result of all the technology, we need those extra days to ensure everything is moved and ready to go. Staff tours have all been completed. Furniture is being discussed currently. Third floor is more or less completed and they will work their way down each floor. Moving company not yet confirmed. GC asked about pupils visiting the school before the return on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. PC confirmed this would be arranged to reduce anxiety amongst pupils. Discussed having maps for pupils also. PC advised the Captaincy Team are planning to do a video where they walk around the new school and explain where they are for pupils to watch and become familiar with.	
<b>3</b>	<b>HT Update</b>	
	Open day on Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb went really well. A great feeling around the school and lots of pictures. The tunnel was the highlight for a lot of people!	
	Prelims are all completed in January and interventions are now taking place to support pupils in the lead up to SQA diet.	
	DHS made The Time Top 50 Scottish Schools list again for the third year in a row.	
	S2/S3 parents' evenings have seen a great attendance and sign-up and many parents/carers attending options meetings also.	
	Recruitment for next session taking place. Probationer request is in however we know that this can be difficult to attract probationers to D&G. RC asked about capacity of current school and new school. Discussed the issues around increasing numbers. Capacity for school is 936. Some pupils still waiting to hear if they have a place for S1 next session as they are outwith catchment (address).	
	Stakeholder surveys issued and completion of these was pretty good for our school. We will now review responses and discuss any actions required.	
	Morgan Sindall work experience has been taking place and pupils have had a great experience getting to grips with tasks and thinking about future roles.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	KLS confirmed current balance is £2056.58.	
	PC advised that Claire Harrison will attend a future parent council looking for some assistance with funding for a professional reading library.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Council budgets - implications</b>	
	GC asked for an update on the council budget and any implications for education. Shared with Councillor Johnstone it was not easy to locate information on the budget and what had	

	<p>been agreed or proposed on the council website. One of the items was about increasing revenue though S1-S3 pupils remaining in schools for lunches. Agreed this would not be practicable and will need further discussion. GC asked about the reduction of staff and the number of teachers we have lost in D&amp;G. Councillor Johnstone will come back with any information she can obtain.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p>JJ asked about Christmas Fayre raffle prize this year from Morgan Sindall/Ryder. PC will ask about this. If nothing given this year we may need to buy something from parent council funds.</p> <p>PC reminded everyone about S1 Bag Packing a week on Saturday at Tesco and then May at Morrisons.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6pm	