



DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 23rd June 2026

In Attendance: G Chalmers, C Barr, K Lindsay-Scott, P Cubbon, R Challis, P Docherty, K Cowan, A Tennant, F Martin, L Fitzpatrick, Councillor Woodward

Apologies –A Gibson, , T Gibson, L Foss, Councillor Hyslop, J Jowett, L Mann, L Boyd

Minutes: S Cowan

		ACTION
1	Welcome to the meeting	
	GC welcomed everyone and minutes were approved from last meeting. Update from the last meeting – £950 funding was given to Claire Harrison to purchase books for the Professional Reading Library. PC passed on thanks from Claire.	
2	DLT Update	
	PC gave update. The move to the new school has been a smooth transition when you consider the amount of time we had and the amount of items to be moved. There have been some teething problems however these are relatively minor. Pupils have been fantastic. The new layout is very simplistic for them to find their way and they really did just come in and get settled. The new building is much more secure than the old building. There has been some minor issues with toilets however this has very quickly been addressed. K Cowan raised issue with canteen running out of food. PC suggested the app is used to pre-order to avoid this. Corridors are slimmer so can be busy at change of periods however in the main the school has a very calm and quiet feel to it. Parking was raised as a concern prior to the move. PC has secured some additional parking in the old waterboard carpark which is helping. Clerk of Works is on site looking at snagging and cross referencing from items reported by staff to ensure everything gets picked up. There have been some issues with young people being in the old building which the Police are aware of. Sandstone from the old building will be used to create something for the new school as a legacy. PC acknowledged the amount of time and effort staff have put in to get everyone moved and ready for learning and teaching to start on 5 th June. GC also expressed thanks to all staff.	
3	HT Update	
	P6 Transition event took place and went well. New timetable is up and running. Staff retiring – Eileen Adamson, Johanna Walker and Jade Alabaster is leaving at end of term. We will be welcoming 6 new probationers along with new staff after summer which has been the most change we have had for quite some time. This extra staff is due to increasing pupil roll. Our roll after summer will be approx. 915. Prizegiving took place last week and Wider Achievement assemblies will take place this week. Induction Days will take place Wed-Fri this week Captaincy Team for 26/27 have been appointed and further details will be shared in due course. L Fitzpatrick asked about pupils being aware about the importance of attendance and behaviour when it comes to leadership opportunities in the school. PC confirmed pupils know that their whole journey is looked at when applying for position within school. Police Scotland will be addressing all year groups on summer safety (fire, abandoned buildings and water). Our new S2 year group will have an extended input on the same topics as all year groups have in recent times).	
4	Treasurer's Report	
	KLS confirmed current balance is £1009.58. This is after service charges and secretary charges as well as the donation for books. A Tennant suggested that a contribution be given to staff from parent council to say thank you for everything. PC thanked parent council for this and agreed this would be used for drinks/nibbles for the staff end of term gathering. £100 was agreed.	

5	Christmas Fayre	
	SC advised that there are 9 space left for vendors. More support is required this year with it being s new venue. A Tennant/C Barr confirmed they would assist with santa's grotto again. Raffle needs to be started soon and S6 will help with this also. Confirmation this will take place Thursday 12 th November.	
6	AOCB	
	PC shared we would be offering S1 starter packs for those new pupils who receive Free School Meals. We are also looking to see if there are any Businesses who would be willing to sponsor and contribute for pupils attending trips. G Chalmers suggested windfarms for funding.	
7	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 15 th September at 6pm	