



DUMFRIES HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held 15th September 2026

In Attendance: G Chalmers, C Barr, K Lindsay-Scott, P Cubbon, R Challis, P Docherty, A Tennant, L Fitzpatrick, Councillor Hyslop, Councillor Johnstone, A Gibson, L Mann, C Dickson

Apologies –T Gibson, L Foss, Councillor Woodward, J Jowett, L Boyd, K Cowan, F Martin

Minutes: S Cowan

		ACTION
1	Welcome to the meeting	
	GC welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new session. Previous Minutes agreed GC acknowledged the funding towards the CPL and Claire Harrison, Depute will attend at a future meeting to share what they have been doing with the funding provided.	
2	S6 Captaincy	
	Lily Barr and Nandi Szilagyi attended to share their feedback as part of the Captaincy Team this year. S6 pupils have started working on committees and clubs. Charity this year will be Red Cross and a non-uniform day will be held on 25 th September. Both pupils spoke about their work with supporting S1 pupils into the new building and starting their DHS journey.	
3	Buses	
	GC acknowledged the issues with the buses from Torthorwald however this seems to have been resolved. Councillor Hyslop advised that the question had been asked about capacity and the response was that there would be no issues however this clearly wasn't the case. PC had spoken with Gordon Bryce about the bus situation. GC asked for a response from the Council and reassurance this won't happen again.	
4	Drop off/Pick-up	
	It was raised about the concern that the hoarding is covering the pavement which is forcing pupils to walk on the road in areas. PC stated he has been looking into getting double yellow lines up the road into the school car park however this is challenging and the costs to do this is extreme. PC has been sharing the health and safety concerns it brings and will continue these conversations. RC also raised concern that someone in the Council needs to be actively dealing with this or it will just be forgotten about until someone is seriously hurt.	
5	HT Report	
	Demolition progress is ongoing although slight delays. A number of snagging issues were undertaken in the new building over summer but all small items needing addressed. The school official opening was Friday 28 th August and various people were present in school for this. PC stated that we had a waiting list for DHS prior to the summer break and we have had some new starts the first few weeks back. The current building capacity is 936 and we are sitting around 907 at present. P7 Open event will take place on 28 th September Exam results – S4 results were the best we have ever had and the best in the authority by quite some way. S5 results were also good. S6 results were good however across the authority S6 attainment was slightly lower. S1 GAC trips are taking place and seem to have been enjoyed by all.	

	London trip S4-S6 was enjoyed by all Senior Prizegiving taking place on 17th September S4 How to Pass event takes place next week on 23rd September 2026 October Assessment week coming up for all senior pupils RC asked about classrooms and whether there is a lack of classrooms available. He also asked about the experience of pupils in flexi spaces. PC stated that we are not short of classrooms at all. Flexi spaces were always expected to be used as learning spaces and these are available on all floors. PC has not had any feedback from staff that these spaces are not conducive to learning. L Mann asked about trips and the balance of extra curricular events and missing learning. The responsibility of catching up on work missed should be a joint responsibility of pupil and teacher.	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	KLS confirmed the balance was £901.00	
7	Fundraising	
	GC suggested that the scratch-cards that have been discussed is rolled out.	GC/LM/JJ
8	Christmas Fayre	
	SC advise we have about 5/6 spaces left which is surprising as we usually have a waiting list. Raffle prizes need to start being gathered. JJ has the list from last year. PC confirmed we could ask S6 to help with this. SC stated that we would need much more assistance this year with getting set up due to the new building. GC to use whatsapp group to allocate duties.	GC
9	AOCB	
	LMann asked about continuity of teaches from S3-S4. Her daughter had a new timetable of new teachers and wondered about how this can affect learning. PC referred to the complexity of timetables and how this would not be possible for many reasons.	
10	AGM	
	GC gave recap of the year and the funding that the Parent Council have contributed to – learning library for staff, football strips sponsorship, staff end of term event to name a few SC will continue as secretary. KLS will continue as Treasurer. GC will continue as Chair and L Mann will continue as Vice-Chair.	
11	Date of Next Meeting	
	8 th October at 6pm	