



Kinross High School Parent Council
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Kinross High School Parent Council Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 18th June 2025
19:15 – 20:45

Record of Meeting

Attendees: Stuart MacBeath (Deputy Headteacher), Katherine Wallace, Jonathan Bryson, Laura Reid, Val Lockhart, Niall MacDonald, Lisa MacDonald, Esther Blackburn, Fiona Eastop, Christine Simmons, Kirsten Kinninmonth, Claire McLoughlin and Stephen Mainwaring.

	Item	Outcome
1.	Welcome/ Introductions/ Apologies	KW welcomed everyone who attended the meeting. Apologies: George Reid and Michelle Gibb.
2.	Acting Head Teacher	KW congratulated Jillian Shaw on her appointment as Acting HT at KHS from next term. The PC are looking forward to meeting Jillian at the AGM on 9 th September 2025. In the meantime, the PC wish Jason Bain all the best in the role as Acting HT until the end of the current term.
3.	Update from Office Bearers	Apologies on short notice for this meeting; it has been a very busy term! Propose in future to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set meeting dates for whole year at the AGM Call for items for agenda 4 weeks before a meeting Office bearers meet 2 weeks before a meeting to put an agenda together, which is then emailed to the school and distributed to parents. KW advised the PC has represented the KHS Parent body in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISP Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Meeting, HMIE Consultation meeting and KW visited the Crieff High ISP and reported the facilities were excellent and nurturing. HMI did consultation on ISP. There may be volunteering opportunities between KHS students and the ISP. KHS Inspection Results Open Meeting – NM, KK and KW attended as did SMacB – there was a good feeling in the room but meeting itself was not well attended, with numbers low. Academic Awards Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB reflected on the impressive performances from the young people which show cased their talents.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 Transition Evening for Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ FE and KK attended the evening and gave an overview of the PC to P7 Parents and Carers. SMacB offered to add a reminder of the PC contact details in the final Sway of this term. <p>PC Quiz – very well attended by pupils, parents, staff and community – huge note of thanks to Laura Reid (PC) and Stuart MacBeath (DH) for organising – along with the senior pupils and Doug Reid who was a fabulous quizmaster! The quiz raised almost £600 in aid of CHAS. Thanks to all who attended.</p> <p>Surplus food and drinks items from the quiz were discussed – LMacD suggested using the surplus juice for sports day. It was agreed the longer dated items could be kept for future events but in the short term, use the items for events in the run up to end of term.</p>
4.	KHS Update	<p>Mr MacBeath talked through the most recent Headteacher's report.</p> <p>The Headteachers report aims to provide the Parent Council with regular updates on what's happening within the school and local authority. Generally, the report focuses on business and operational matters.</p> <p>The report provided information on the following areas and will be available on the KHS website in due course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction, - Headteacher Staffing – Mrs Brown left KHS on secondment 13/6. Acting Headteacher Jillian Shaw assumes her post 19/8. - Intensive Support Provision – Melanie Wilton has been appointed as the Principle Teacher of ISP. She starts in post on 23rd June and will lead on the development of the provision in the coming months. Plans are in place regarding campus building work to support meeting learners needs. Formal consultation will continue and concludes in the Autumn. - Other successfully recruited posts: 0.8 FTE Teacher of Learning Support (Mat leave); 0.8 FTE Teacher of Business Studies; Geography Teacher; Art Teacher and we welcome probationer teachers in Drama, Biology and Art. - Staffing and Recruitment – of note is Mrs Macnamara who leaves KHS after 24 years of outstanding service to the school community. - Pupil Leadership – appointment of new School Captains, House Captains, Prefects and Vice Captains. The PC wishes the young people well in their new leadership roles. - School events: S1 Science Fayre; School Show (Wizard of Oz); Sports Day (25/6); P7 induction experiences; Awards Ceremony; Leavers Ball. - KHS won the overall prize at County Sports on 18/6 in addition to several individual and team prizes. Well done all. - SMacB extended thanks to parents and carers for their support of these events. - Local Authority Updates. <p>CS asked how are School Sports days delivered and publicised. SMacB advised details are shared in the Monday bulletins. Difficult to run a combined event for the whole school with all young people taking part as</p>

		there would be too many participants and Parents and Carers. Heats are completed at school, leaving the winners of the heats to compete on the planned sports day.
5.	Change to PC Constitution RE: Fund Management	<p>At the last meeting, Sarah Brown (previous KHS HT) raised that we should revisit where PC funds go in the event the PC folds. The current PC constitution states funds should go to a local charity where previously funds were gifted to KHS.</p> <p>Discussion around if the funds go to charity or to a local charity specifically for children. It was agreed to discuss altering the PC constitution to state funds should go on extra-curricular activities for young people at KHS and not school operational activities. This will be proposed at the upcoming AGM in September.</p>
6.	Finance Update	<p>LR gave an update on current balances in both PC accounts.</p> <p>A full report will be given at the upcoming AGM in September.</p>
7.	Dissemination of PC Funds for School Activities	<p>NM reported that the KHS English department has been in touch to request funds to support author visits with the aim of encouraging and inspiring pupils to read for pleasure, supporting emotional wellbeing and academic success.</p> <p>VL proposed that the PC should support the funding request; JB and KW seconded this. Therefore, the PC will support the KHS English department in this endeavour.</p> <p>FE asked if the other school departments should be aware and we invite bids from these departments for funds.</p> <p>A wider discussion then took place on funding for other activities and initiatives, which may benefit pupils. It was proposed that a funding strategy should be developed to support the process. This will be added as an agenda item for future PC meetings.</p> <p>CS and EB offered to support the process of completing funding requests. The PC will make contact with Lynne Prentice (Business Manager) to discuss opportunities.</p> <p>JB suggested more full discussion is required. EB - Could we have a strategy where grants would be useful and could SLT discuss a fundraising drive or perhaps suggest a fundraising theme.</p> <p>SMacB to discuss with SLT.</p> <p>CS suggested not to limit ourselves and is happy to complete forms for grants.</p> <p>CS also suggested contacting Kleo re Kinross Market, Helping to erect and dismantle stalls for the market can net funds in the region of £200. Ideally we need 6-8 pupils/staff/parents and carers for this to work. EB gave a specific contact for this and thought under 12's were not allowed to participate in the</p>

		set up/take down of stalls due to the heavy lifting involved. This can be explored to help raised funds for future use.
8.	Issues Raised by Parents and Carers	<p>Two issues were raised directly with the PC prior to the meeting.</p> <p>1. Criteria for Pupils to Attend the Pupil Aware Ceremony</p> <p>Clarification was sought on the criteria young people must meet to attend the Pupil Award ceremony. SMacB advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years S1 – S3 (BGE) criteria based on the recommendations from 2+ teachers i.e. using the school values, teachers will recommend which children should receive an award. • Years S4 – S6 criteria is young people with the highest prelim exam results. <p>KW reported that this was a very positive evening – so many children recognised and academic achievement celebrated. Raised that this can feel like a ‘hidden event’ and suggested that Senior prizes could also be presented at assemblies, or perhaps the event could be referred to in Sway so other students and parents do know it takes place.</p> <p>Discussion took place around whether this celebration of achievement could be broadened, for example KW raised that the previous PC had been keen to look at sporting colours for engagement in sport.</p> <p>JB pointed out that it is also worth noting that the current approach does not recognise young people who have made significant improvements in their individual performance.</p> <p>FE suggested young people do not understand the merit system and could perhaps non-academic subjects be celebrated ie plumbing, carpentry etc.</p> <p>There is an appetite from teachers to review the approach. SMacB offered to raise this as a discussion point at a future KHS Senior Leadership Team meeting. SMacB is happy to reimagine the awards ceremony, celebrating diversity and said the comments from PC were entirely reasonable. JB asked for a meeting in October ahead of next year’s awards.</p> <p>CS suggested a sharing of good practise around awards ceremonies with other schools.</p> <p>2. KHS Drama Provision</p> <p>The PC had been asked if the drama provision had changed as Parents and Carers were aware of issues in the run up to the final term. SMacB advised there had been some staffing changes but that a probation teacher had been recruited to support the subject and a further member of staff of available. The view from KHS is the Drama dept will be fully staffed from August.</p>
9.	Any other business	<p>Meeting dates for the next school year were discussed. It was agreed that meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 19:15 as a general principle. The following months were proposed with an action for SMacB to confirm when in each month was most suitable based on the school calendar:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Sept-25 AGM (meet and greet at 18:30 with meeting held at 19:15) KW proposed and VL seconded using funds to pay for refreshments and we currently await a quote to provide these. • Oct-25 • End-Nov-25 • Jan-26 • Mar-26 • May-26 <p>CMcL advised that there was a raffle planned for the last year which didn't take place. The raffle prizes (Baynes Voucher and Picture donated by the Tartan Kipper) were given to the PC to allow them to be gifted during future events. LR will retain these for now, as Treasurer.</p> <p>Engagement with Parents and Carers. It was proposed that members of the PC should attend parents evenings to allow Parents and Carers to meet and raise any issues. SMacB will locate the PC pull up banner for such events.</p> <p>SMacB advised there are planned enhancements for S5 & S6 Parent evenings next year based on feedback from the recent survey. Further detail will be shared via Sway in August.</p>
10.	Next Meeting	<p>PC Annual General Meeting - 9th September 2025.</p> <p>Details will be shared in the next term.</p>