Kinross High School Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 6th of October 2026
19:00 – 20:30
Record of Meeting

Attendees: Jillian Shaw (KHS HT), Chris Struth (KHS), Diane Morton (KHS), Lauren Byrne (KHS), Shoena Fryer, Brian Gibb, Claire McLoughlin, Heather Dewar, Lucy-Anne Bryans, Chris McNay, Paul Cameron, Leo Chen, Jaqueline Watson, Eric MacLeod, Lina Marin, Jude Balfour, Lisa O'Hare, Rita Moreno-Dorta, George Reid, Kirsten Kinnimonth, Sandy Ogilvie (SO), Katherine Wallace (KW), Jonathon Bryson (JB), Lisa MacDonald (LM) and Niall MacDonald (NM).

Online Attendees: Stephen Mainwaring

Apologies: Tracy Barry, Esther Blackburn, Clare Lorimer, David MacKenzie-Mills, Anita MacKenzie, Sadie Watson, Clive Inskip and Christine Simmons

	Item	Outcome
1.	**Welcome/ Introductions/ Apologies and Hybrid Meeting Etiquette**	KW opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies were noted. A reminder was given on hybrid meeting etiquette, requesting online participants use MS Teams' hand-raise or chat features for comments. KW asked if anyone attending the meeting wished to join the Parent Council as ordinary members. Jaqueline Watson and Eric MacLeod agreed to join as ordinary members.
2.	**Pupil Voice**	The School Captains, Bea, Tilly, Freya, Isla, Gretchen, Owen and Murray, joined the meeting and provided an update on upcoming activities and initiatives. On Saturday 10 October, in partnership with the Interact Rotary Club, they will support a Park Run to raise funds for CHAS. Further planned activities include a Santa Meet and Greet, a range of other fundraising events and the winter ball. The School Captains are also supporting volunteering activities within the school, including paired reading with S1 pupils and participation in the buddying programme. They recently attended a masterclass on future career pathways, which they found valuable in developing skills and considering future opportunities. Planning is underway for further events following the October holidays, including a Halloween dress-up day on 30 October to raise funds for the Prom. The Captains will also support the Farmers' Market and help establish a uniform shop and personal hygiene supplies for young people at the school.

		KW thanked the School Captains for attending noting that they brought energy and ambition to the room, as well as speaking with poise and a warm, engaging tone. Mrs Shaw congratulated the S6's on spending time playing football with the S1's.
3.	**Minutes of AGM on 1st September**	The minutes of the AGM were accepted; this was proposed by JB and seconded by SF. Matters arising: • Following a query by a Parent KW has noted that the September 2026 AGM clarification of where PC funds would go should the PC fold would ideally have had a provision that any remaining 'admin' monies would be returned to PKC whilst any fundraising monies would be handled as agreed. This can't be updated until the next AGM as it is a constitutional matter.
4.	**Parent Council Activities Update**	KW and members of the Parent Council gave updates on recent Parent Council activities: • Clive Inskip facilitated a connection between Backstage at the Green and KHS – they donated twenty-five tickets to pupils of KHS to attend a Doberman gig which was enjoyed by all. Mr Turnbull of the music dept has helped develop this relationship. • Rita Moreno-Dorta gave an update from the ASN meeting (details shared on KHS Instagram). • The Curriculum Review Focus Group was well attended, with around 26 attendees. Themes and feedback from the session are being pulled together and will be shared in due course. • JB provided feedback on the strategic partnerships meeting which included representation from the Kinross Rotary Club. • Lina Marin updated the Parents and Carers after attending the meeting on the S2 Historical Murders creative prop production competition. Props were created from eco-friendly materials with Lina and Mrs Shaw selecting the top 5 props. **George Reid: Masterclass Program Update** An update was provided on the Parent Council's "Inspire & Stimulate" S6 programme, which brings experience and insight from the wider world into the school through presentations and workshops delivered by parents, carers and members of the wider community. The programme is shaped by pupil input and focuses on three key themes: Independent Living, Personal Finance and the World of Work, helping S6 pupils develop knowledge and perspectives that will support their transition beyond school. The programme draws on the Parent Forum and wider community, including links with Rotary and DYW, to provide speakers and contributors who can stimulate pupils' interest and curiosity. Sessions delivered to date have been well attended, with strong pupil engagement, thoughtful discussion and good questions.

		It was noted that the programme also provides opportunities to build stronger relationships between the school and external speakers, with potential to extend activities beyond S6 and support other year groups. There are plans to include S3 in selected sessions Anyone wishing to participate, for example by being interviewed or offering a session, please get in touch. It was noted out of school sessions were less popular than the timetabled events in the school day. KW and Mrs Shaw thanked George Reid for his stewardship of the Masterclass program and noted this is adding real value to the young people attending KHS.
5.	**School Update**	**Mrs Shaw: KHS Update** Recruitment is underway for a new deputy head teacher (DHT) *(update since meeting: position now filled by Chris Struth – Congratulations!)* From January 2027, Mr Bain will move on from KHS to the role of Inspector of Education with the HMIE; his last day at KHS is 23rd of December. Mrs Shaw and everyone at KHS wish Mr Bain well in his new role and thanked him for his significant contribution over many years to the KHS community. Mrs Shaw advised that Mrs Morton will be moving to a new role within Perth High School and thanked her for her significant contribution to KHS. As a result of these changes, another DHT post will be advertised with a focus on wellbeing. In the previous Parent Council meeting a parent raised a query on the use of the app "EduSpot". Mrs Shaw advised that this is a bolt on to the groupcall system (Xpressions) which had low uptake and so was never fully utilised at KHS. EduSpot pulls information from Xpressions which cannot be prevented. KHS do not monitor EduSpot and recommend that Parents and Carers do not use this app as any replies to the school do not filter through; this was communicated in the August connect article. **Mr Struth: Attainment and Excursions Update** An update was provided on attainment across S4-S6. S4 attainment has improved significantly in 2026, with 90% achieving five qualifications at Level 5, compared with 72% in both 2024 and 2025. Further improvement is anticipated for the 2027 cohort. S5 attainment has also improved, particularly across the wider qualification measures. In 2026, 45% achieved five qualifications at Level 6, increasing from 31% in 2025. S6 attainment remains more mixed, with 2026 results below 2025 in some measures, although the 2027 cohort is projected to improve. It was highlighted that attainment amongst the lowest-performing 20% of S4 pupils has shown a three-year pattern of decline and remains an area of focus – we have reversed this decline with 5@N3 98% this year up from 79% in 2024 Comparative information with Williamwood High School was presented, highlighting the improvement in Kinross High School's 5@5 measure from 73.41% in 2024 to 90.06% in 2026.

KW noted thanks to CS for sharing this information so clearly and openly, very interesting and something the Parent Council has been keen to engage in over the years.

The school is revising its previous model of universal excursions. The change reflects concerns around financial sustainability, disruption to learning and staffing, equity, pupil readiness and the significant staff resource required to organise the programme. The intention is to focus on more targeted, high-quality experiences linked to curriculum and learner needs.

An Activities Day for S1-S3 will take place on 13 May 2027. S1 pupils will have an in-school Royal Navy experience, while S2 and S3 pupils will be offered a choice of day trips, with Alton Towers reserved for S3. Financial assistance will be available where required.

Participation in Activities Day will be linked to pupil behaviour, with improvement targets used where appropriate. The Senior Leadership Team will retain the right to withdraw participation due to poor behaviour.

The BGE timetable will end on 12 May, followed by Activities Day on 13 May and an S3 Graduation 14/5 and S1/S2 sponsored walk on 14 May. The new timetable will commence on 17 May 2027.

Following the October holidays, parents will receive information explaining the revised approach. An activities booklet will be launched for S2/S3 pupils and parents, choices will be collated, payment plans established and pupil improvement targets agreed where required.

Mrs Byrne: S5 Core RME – Stand and Deliver

An overview was provided of the S5 Core RME “Stand and Deliver” programme, which aims to develop pupils’ social and employability skills while encouraging them to explore and reflect on moral issues and work collaboratively towards a shared goal.

Pupils research and prepare a moral issue before presenting it to a guest. The approach develops presentation and interpersonal skills including active listening, eye contact, engagement, quick thinking, sensitivity and maturity.

A “Kinross Remembers” event is planned within the Loch Leven Community Campus Library, involving music, readings and reflections.

Mrs Byrne: Learning for Sustainability

An update was provided on the school’s whole-school approach to Learning for Sustainability (LfS) for 2026/27, aligned with Scotland’s Target 2030 ambition for sustainable learning settings.

It was emphasised that Learning for Sustainability extends beyond environmental education, incorporating wider themes around creating a socially just, sustainable and equitable society.

The school’s 2026/27 approach focuses on five areas: raising the profile of LfS, collating existing activity, establishing measurable plans and targets, strengthening leadership and supporting staff development and partnership working.

Activity will span curriculum, school culture, the campus and the wider community. Priorities include outdoor and inquiry-based learning, pupil leadership, learner voice, reducing energy consumption and waste, active

		travel, biodiversity and stronger partnerships with community groups and businesses. The "Kinross Cares" initiative will support this wider approach through stalls and workshops involving the community and Scottish Studies, aimed at raising awareness of Learning for Sustainability.
6.	**Careers Evening**	KW provided an update on preparations for the Careers Evening (all age groups), advising that the event is in partnership with the Developing Young Workforce (Scotland's national youth employment strategy designed to better prepare young people for the world of work by connecting employers, schools, colleges and communities) and is scheduled for 10 November 2026. The event will provide an informal opportunity for pupils and families to engage directly with employers and representatives from a range of sectors and further education institutions. A broad range of employers have confirmed attendance, covering sectors including construction, healthcare, emergency services, defence, rural careers, local government, business, veterinary services and apprenticeships. A strong range of universities and further education providers have also confirmed attendance, providing pupils with information on different post-school education pathways. The Parent Council was asked to support the event by identifying additional employers and contacts who could help showcase a wider variety of careers, apprenticeship schemes and employment opportunities. A further S3 Speed Networking event is planned for 2 March 2027. The event will use a fast-paced, "speed dating" style format, giving young people the opportunity to meet and interview adults about their careers, experiences and routes into employment. The aim is to bring together parents, carers and other volunteers from a diverse range of professions and career pathways, helping pupils discover opportunities they may not previously have considered and demonstrating that there are many different routes to a rewarding career. Parent Council members, parents and carers were encouraged to consider taking part themselves or to identify others within their networks who could help inspire pupils by sharing their career journey. If there are any parents or carers interested in taking part, please email Kinrosshsparentcouncil@gmail.com to volunteer. See **appendix 1** for careers evening flyer. KW also raised mentioned discussions with DYW regarding 'Step up to Enterprise' for the S1s, Mr McAdam said his third years have been talking about how great it was but DYW can't afford to fund it this year. KW asked about cost and they have said they will pay half if we can match fund £449.50 – will bring to a future meeting for a vote once funding strategy more developed.
7.	**Santas Grotto at KLEO Festival Market**	Claire McLoughlin gave an update on the planning for the Parent Council "Santa's grotto" event which is scheduled to take place as part of the KLEO Festive market on Saturday 28th of November.

		Claire requested funding for gifts for children attending which was approved during the meeting. A request was made for support for the event in the following areas: - Wrapping gifts (**7:00 – 8:30pm on Wednesday 18th November**) and - Decorating the Grotto (**5:00 – 8:00pm on Friday 27th November**). Please email Kinrosshsparentcouncil@gmail.com to volunteer.
8.	**Finance Update**	Sandy Ogilvie confirmed that banking access has been updated following the recent role transition, with the previous named individual being removed from the account. Funds previously held across two RBS accounts have been transferred to one Bank of Scotland account – although held in one bank account, the admin and fundraising monies will be recorded as two separate funds. The RBS accounts will remain at a zero balance and will subsequently close following a period of inactivity. Following the agreement at the June Parent Council meeting, approval has been received from PKC to transfer £1,100 of unspent administration funding to the fundraising fund. The current bank balance was reported as £4,293.93, comprising £736.07 of administration funding and £3,532.86 of fundraising funding, with £25 of outgoing payments pending for use of the Barista machine at a previous Parent Council meeting. The request from the KHS debating club for £200 was approved at the meeting. Proposed by KW and seconded by NM. The Parent Council was invited to consider constructive uses for the remaining PKC administration funding, including improving Parent Council communications, social media presence and promotional materials such as banners.
8.	**Correspondence**	No new correspondence from the Parent body was received.
9.	**Any other business**	A member of the Parent Council suggested a panel Q&A event to raise funds for KHS; this will be discussed at a future meeting as part of the Parent Council fundraising strategy. A parent attending the meeting asked if a Principal Teacher of Artificial Intelligence would be appointed. Mrs Shaw advised that there are currently no plans for an appointment of this type; priority is to progress recruitment of a permanent Computing teacher.
10.	**Dates of Next Meetings**	The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th of November** at 19:00 at KHS ICT Suite. A link to the online meeting is available – please contact the Parent Council email account if you wish to attend via MS Teams.Kinrosshsparentcouncil@gmail.com

		Further meeting dates: • Tuesday 23rd February 2027, • Tuesday 27th April 2027, and • Wednesday 9th of June 2027.
11.	**Close**	KW thanked everyone for attending the meeting either in person or online. Meeting closed.

Meeting Action List

No	Action	Owner	Due Date
1.	Discuss creation of a Parent Council board with KHS Graphic Design teacher.	Niall MacDonald	17th November
2.			
3.			

Appendix 1: Careers Event

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Careers Events

Can we as a Parent Council help with….

Showcasing a variety of careers

&/or

introducing employers with apprenticeship schemes/ employment opportunities?

To suggest a person/ organization is invited contact…

Shelley Kay, ShelleyKay@dywtaycities.co.uk

S3-S6 Careers Evening

5-7.30pm, Tuesday 10th November 2026

Relaxed, informal format, with pupils and families moving between stands and speaking directly with representatives from a wide range of sectors.

Practicalities: Set up from 4pm

Chairs & table + refreshments provided

Sign printed with who you are – please supply the info!

You can bring more materials, but no need 😊

Next Event…S3 Speed Networking!

Can we help find a wide variety of careers and employers for S3 to meet?

10:50 – 13:10, Tuesday 2nd March 2027

Appendix 2: Masterclass Program Update

KHS Parent Council

Supporting the growth of our young people

'Inspire & Stimulate' - The 6th Year Programme

- Purpose: To bring insight on the outside world into school.
- A programme of presentations and workshops delivered by members of the Parent Forum and wider community on topics that 'curate interest and curiosity' in our young people. Leverage the relationship with Rotary and DYWF.
- Target audience – 6th year students.
- Optimal delivery period: May / June plus August to end November (avoiding periods of exam preparation).
- Programme content reflects student input – structured around three themes – Independent Living / Personal finance / World of Work
- Additional benefits: going beyond 6th year e.g. S3 events, enhance speaker relationships with the school

Dates w/c	Theme	Topic	Presenter
8 June	Independent Living (In Conversation with...)	You're thinking about learning to drive?	Pauline: Confidence Driving School
15 June	World of Work (In Conversation with...)	A Kinross High School Olympian	Eilidh Doyle, Former Olympic Athlete and Athlete Mentor & Ambassador,
31 August	World of Work (In Conversation with...)	Managing the News	Eric MacLeod, Director of Communications (Scottish Parliament)
14 Sept	World of Work (In Conversation with...)	An Entrepreneurial Mindset	Peter & Charlotte Giaccopazzi, Owners of The Good House Co & Tartan Kipper
21 Sept	Personal Finance	Borrow Well	George Reid, Retired financial services exec
5 Oct	World of Work (In Conversation with...)	The TV Producer	Nick Gunaydin, TV Producer
2 Nov	World of Work (In Conversation with...)	The GP	Michelle Gibb, GP
9 Nov	Independent Living	Cooking on a Budget	Sarah Rankin Chef, food writer and broadcaster
16 Nov	Personal Finance	Money Matters	George Reid, Retired financial services exec
30 Nov	World of Work	Interview Practice / CV Feedback	PC / DYWF / Rotary

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Appendix 2: Masterclass Program Update Continued

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- Well attended
- Great engagement
- Thought provoking
- Good questions
- Energy from school













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