



## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Time:** 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Venue:** Thomas Muir Primary School, Base 9

### Attendance:

Position	First name	Second name	Attendance
Chairperson	Ana	Moran	Present
Vice-Chairperson	Susan	Lunan	Present
Secretary	Marie Claire	Cairns	Present
Teacher (HT)	Hannah	Young	Present
Teacher	Becky	Little	Apologies
Teacher (DHT)	Megan	Martin-Jones	Present
Teacher (DHT)	Maria	McAllister	Apologies
Teacher (DHT)	Ryan	O'Connell	Present
Teacher (DHT)	Nicola	Pollock	Present
Parent Council Member	Ashley	Convery	Present
Parent Council Member	Chris	Convery	Not Present
Parent Council Member	Deborah	Convery	Not Present
Parent Council Member	Laura	McDonald	Present
Parent Council Member	Kirsty	McEwan	Present
Parent Council Member	Thomas	Moore	Present
Parent Council Member	Keith	Paterson	Present
Parent Council Member	Peter	Tracy	Present
MSP	Pam	Gosal	Present
EDC Counsellor	Gordon	Low	Present
EDC Counsellor	Williamson	Lynda	Present
Parent	Charley	-	Present
Parent	Stephanie	Cheng	Present
Parent	Jamie	Clucas	Present
Parent	Pauline	Horne	Present
Parent	Nimish	Jandyal	Present
Parent	Omar	Janjua	Present
Parent	Jennifer	Lee	Present
Parent	Derrick	Lunan	Present
Parent	James	McAllister	Present
Parent	Lisa	McAllister	Present
Parent	Kelli	McCreadie	Present
Parent	Ian	Norris	Present
Parent	Vani	Pasukalingam	Present
Parent	Sarah	Pollock	Present
Parent	Claire	Romayne	Present



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Parent	Karen	Sanders	Present
Parent	Vidhi	Thakkers	Present



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Item	Topic	Discussion/Action
1	Welcome/Apologies	Confirmed agenda – Chairperson Ana Trindade asked that we try to stick to 5 minutes per item. Acknowledged that there were 2 big topics on the list, so the rest of the agenda would be addressed first and as promptly as possible.
2	School Lunches	Previous mixed feedback on new menu - however assume it's generally a non-issue due to increased uptake.
3	Traffic Order/Restrictions/Parking	Feedback from residents in wider area streets that bins were unable to be collected. Reminder to be issued to families to park considerately. Noted that crossing patroller is now stationed on a street with a driving ban in place. Confirmed that's a permanent arrangement. Councillor Low advised that relocation happened where crossing signals had been put in place. On parent noted that the same cars are still abusing the driving ban regularly, despite original period when fines were issued by wardens - general agreement on this. Reminder to be issued.
4	Toilet Signage	Actions taken by TMPS to provide separate toilets for boys and girls due to the new guidance issued by the Scottish government  Response - Separate boys and girls toilets now in place, along with signage. Accessible toilets are not currently gender specific - to be checked. Cubicles with wash hand basins can be side by side for different genders.
5	Cleaning/FM	Noted peak in seasonal illnesses just now. Cleaning staff are working overtime to compensate where possible. Suggested that children's hygiene is potentially more likely to be linked to the spread of viruses.
6	Christmas Celebrations	Concerns that Santa/Christmas/Christian faith is not allowed to be celebrated due to offending other religions/beliefs  Response - Nativity show held, Christmas traditions round the world, conscious effort to celebrate all religious holidays as appropriate. This month had the fayre, class parties and Christmas lunch. Side note that any specific issues regarding children's beliefs are best dealt with on a one-to-one basis rather than at school wide level.
7	PVG/School Trips	PTA to request that any parents or carers are willing to supervise trips and events come forward proactively for PVG checks. Goal would be to have a bank of helpers available. Noted that one local school was



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- unable to host a Halloween disco due lack of PVG cleared adults available to help. Note again that it's worth doing it now whilst its still cost free. Reminder that now a EDC specific PVG is required, specific to TMPS - i.e. existing PVG's in place may not apply
- 8 School Clubs Request for more clubs. Spread between lunch and after school hours. Conscious that some kids are bussed to and from school, and therefore unable to attend after school. Widen selection from just sports - pupils suggested chess for example. Choir runs too. Goal for all years to be given the opportunity to attend something. Options include Craft class, board games, sudoku, etc. Note that P7 football club will resume in January following issue of PVG for new volunteer. Query about possibility of kids running a club - noted that a group of P6 girls are running a Tuesday lunchtime club, supported where possible with available space and adult supervision
- 9 School capacity Perceived influx of new children. School capacity is not currently being exceeded. E.g. P7 is currently full with 33 per class and 3 classes, and that tends to be the case in the upper primaries. Question about building capacity - is it 560? Accommodation schedule provides headcount per classroom (as opposed to overall headcount) and is checked annually by local authority. Noted that we have had children leave too.
- 10 Staffing Update Mrs McIntyre school office relocated - replaced with Mrs Mackay.  
PT MRs Cochrane seconded to another school - Ms Little (nurture) will continue to act in this role until the February weekend.  
Advertisement currently for 1 additional member of staff, with PEF funding. Expect to interview before Christmas - planned for wellbeing and additional support. Temporary post until March, as a minimum. Will be renewed if and when PEF funding confirmed for renewal.  
MRs Roberts due to return soon from her secondment.  
Mrs Martin-Jones will be going on maternity leave in March. Congratulations!!
- 11 Primary 7 residential trip A lengthy discussion was had in the meeting about this topic. Staff discussed plans for the fun week which P7 pupils are helping to organise which will take place the same week of the day trips to WE adventure. Unsure yet if EDC will get additional bank holiday on the Monday of that week so days away may move to Tue/Wed/Thu of that week. Sleepover in school suggested and will be discussed by PC and PTA – Head



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|    |                                            | teacher to get guidance about this from letting/Chief education officer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12 | LGBT Schools Award                         | A lengthy discussion was had in the meeting about this topic regarding focus of the award and time which will be given to it. Staff explained it's evidence gathering of approaches already in place and that no materials are used from LGBT youth Scotland. Staff will continue to use the RSHPE health programme as in previous session. No staff from LGBT youth Scotland will be present in school but teaching staff will complete online training later in the year, lead by the organisation. |
| 13 | AoB                                        | Bell rang at 19:15, and again a few more times - discussion was still ongoing however we were unable to continue due to the facilities team requiring access for cleaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14 | Acknowledged items for next meeting agenda | Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Spending<br>Overview of the School Improvement Plan for 25/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 | Date of Next Meeting(s)                    | • Monday 23rd February? TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |