



Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 1st June 2026

Time: 5:45 – 7:15pm

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 (DHT)	Becky	Little	Apologies
Teacher (DHT)	Maria	McAllister	Present
Teacher (DHT)	Ryan	O'Connell	Present
Teacher (DHT)	Nicola	Pollock	Apologies
Teacher (DHT)	Colette	Williamson	Present
Parent Council Member	Ashley	Convery	Present
Parent Council Member	Chris	Convery	Apologies
Parent Council Member	Deborah	Convery	Apologies
Parent Council Member	Laura	McDonald	Apologies
Parent Council Member	Kirsty	McEwan	Present
Parent Council Member	Thomas	Moore	Present
Parent Council Member	Keith	Paterson	Apologies
Parent Council Member	Peter	Tracy	Present
EDC Counsellor	Gordon	Low	Present
Parent	Stephanie	Cheng	Present
Parent	Pauline	Horne	Present
Parent	Amy	Livingstone	Present
Parent	Linda	Roberston Lumsden	Present
Parent	Claire	Romayne	Present
Parent	Karen	Sanders	Present



Minutes:

Item	Topic	Discussion/Action
1	Welcome/Apologies	See register above.
2	Quality review – Extended item (30 minutes)	<p>34 teachers observed in total. 2 inspectors. Significant amount of preparatory work - scope, self-evaluation and evidence. Focus groups with pupils in all stages, as well as other areas such as supported learning. Written report issued just before easter break - strengths and next steps. Summary to be issued for all parents to read. Outputs to feed into school improvement plan for next year.</p> <p>Aside - Communication was highlighted by parents in attendance at the meeting as a specific area for improvement - in a general sense, communications of dates etc. but more specifically find ways to make parents aware when panels etc. are taking place that they could take part in.</p>
3	Review of constitution – Extended item (20 minutes)	<p>Council has provided a draft constitution for our PC to consider. Once agreed via amendments from our parent council feedback, a prototype constitution will be drafted for all schools to use as a template and this will be ratified by legal team in EDC.</p> <p>Connect is a union for parent council members and to deal with insurers etc. Parents have consulted Connect and they have not been included - noted as a concern. Further commentary regarding “suspicion” and “change in temperature” with the parents.</p> <p>Parent feedback on content: Included that the proposal put too much emphasis on the responsibility of the chairperson role. Council trying to control the audience at the meetings - whilst it <i>was</i> unanimously agreed that only parents should be in attendance, alongside teachers and relevant local authority representation.</p> <p>Feedback from EDC rep that there has always been an authority template for the constitution. No underhandedness as suggested, this is not being dictated.</p> <p>Ran short of time for a full review and concluded that parents should collect their feedback and share it with EDC directly. Also noted that ideally this would be ready for review at the August AGM.</p>
4	Staffing updates	<p>Ms Bailey and Ms Robertson completed qualification and leaving. Three PRT’s joining school. Two maternity leave roles advertised for cover. Ms Roberts secondment extended until December. Ms Little will cover Ms Cochrane's role – appointed as PT on permanent basis Mrs Craig and Mrs Cook have dropped days, so Ms Casey will cover. Support for learning assistants confirmed and a member of housekeeping has transferred to that role. Probationers confirmed. Hannah Young dropping to a 2.5 day working model temporarily due to</p>



		family reasons - exact arrangement TBC, but covering start and end of week. Interviews for shared role Friday 5th June.
5	Review of our school improvement plan	Covered in quality review section.
6	Looking forward to next school session	Covered in quality review section.
7	Feedback on Dance Fest	<p>Feedback from parent(s) was that children were limited in the skills they could demonstrate, e.g. back flips, yet other schools were allowed. Also that other schools had personalised t-shirts and bright colours, whereas TMPS were instructed to wear all black.</p> <p>Corrected that the rules limit acrobatics - perhaps wasn't communicated (shown on projector for PC to view).</p> <p>Feedback as well that black costumes are actually considered to be stand out on stage but perhaps discuss next year – ideally without introducing cost for parents.</p>
8	Timing of leavers' hoodies	<p>Feedback that other schools issue leavers' hoodies earlier in the academic year and kids would like to get more use out of them for longer, as well as options for colours.</p> <p>Response - Discussion about multiple quotes and timing from suppliers. Tradition is that TMPS issues the leavers' hoodies after the high school induction day and turquoise is preferred as it is the school colour. (Note that school emblems are left out for child safety reasons). One suggestion was that we could issue them prior to the induction day so that in line with other schools, our kids could wear them to induction? To be put out for consultation next year.</p>
9	P7 Residential Trip and request for an EGM - conclusion	<p>Confirmed parent council have no more jurisdiction on this subject and there is no more conversation that can be had in this forum. Further points should be taken directly to the local authority. School is waiting for guidance from EDC on how funding will be implemented going forward. Regarding next year's P7 group specifically, a residential trip will be considered if enough volunteers come forward and the new budget being offered allows for the coverage of backfill staff. Otherwise, the same issues remain.</p> <p>Parents feel that there were questions left unanswered on this topic in previous meetings. Request for openness and transparency going forward, particularly for future difficult topics that might be raised.</p> <p>EDC rep noted that approval for the funding has been at a high level only,</p>



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		<p>secondary level discussion needed regarding implementation.</p> <p>Aside - PVG situation requires clarification. Costs will impact the experiences PTAs can offer. Noted that this is not local authority decision - Scottish Government.</p>
10	Pitches	P6 and P7 use this but only football available - request for more variation, and/or access to other areas on rotation. Note PTA are funding some additional equipment - basketball, hoops, etc.
11	LGBT Youth Scotland - conclusion	Not discussed.
12	Correct use of drop off zone in car park	Request to reiterate to teachers that the drop off zone is for use by parents. It was stated in response that the staff car park is not big enough, however the observation is that the drop off zone fills with parked vehicles (and people dropping off) before the staff car park is full.
13	Acknowledged items for next meeting agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication improvements• Dance fest costumes• Timing of leavers hoodies
14	Date of next meeting(s)	August AGM required but specific date not discussed due to being over time.