



**Respect**  
**Inclusion**  
**Kindness**  
**Honesty**

# Parent Council.

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Present - Mrs McLean, Mrs Carroll, Mr Callaghan, Mrs Waugh, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Boyle, Mrs Allan, Ms Foley, Mrs Craig, Mrs Walker, Miss Greenwood.

Cllr Handibode, Cllr Toner, Cllr Ross, Cllr Keatt.

Welcome	Mrs McLean welcomed all guests.
Opening Prayer	Led by Mrs Walker. Thank you.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks was given to the elected members for the grant of £4500 which we plan to use to improve our sound system in the hall.</li> <li>• Communication was received over the Summer regarding PVGs. Mrs McLean stated the the Holy Cross Learning Community were looking at this and what the requirements would mean.</li> </ul>
Local Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Keatt spoke about the recent challenges facing SLC - Transport/Roadworks/ Housing. He also stated that he had recently met with Lyndsay McRoberts, the newly appointed Executive Director of Education for SLC. Guidance will be provided on the use of mobile phones in schools. Breakfast Club funding is to be expanded and resources for Breakfast Clubs are being rolled out.</li> <li>• Mrs McLean asked about our school roll, stating that we only have 12 new P1s while other schools around us are full at some stages. The Councillors said that this was due to new housing in other areas and at the moment there were no plans regarding boundary changes. Birth rates would be monitored for the coming years. There was a lower intake across all the authority this year due to Covid.</li> </ul>
Parent Council Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs McLean read the Parent Council constitution. Due to Mrs O'Connor moving on there is a vacancy for a Chair Person. Mr. Michael Callaghan was duly appointed to this position and Mrs. Stephanie Waugh was then duly appointed vice chair.</li> </ul>
HT Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs McLean passed on details of the Connect Service to Mr. Callaghan. This enables Parent Council members to have access to events, training opportunities etc.</li> <li>• Mrs McLean also talked about the school's Standards and Quality Report. Priority 1 is to continue to focus on</li> </ul>

	<p>writing using Talk for Writing. Priority 2 is on Reading. This year P4 to P7 will be undertaking small test of change. Priority 3 will focus on developing in faith. We plan to introduce more texts in equalities and diversity and to once again have a multi-cultural day which proved to be extremely successful last year.</p>
PEF Spend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our PEF spending this year has included buying a teacher for 3.5 days for learning support. We are also targeting attendance. We are purchasing Play/outdoor resources and digital learning devices. School trips will once again be fully funded from the Participatory Budget.</li> </ul>
Young Leaders of Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are going to be involved in the Young Leaders of Learning programme where our Pupil Council will act as young inspectors and be involved in visiting another school. This will take place in the new year.</li> </ul>
PTFA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PTFA have £3000 in their funds. They have agreed to fund a Pantomime that will come into the school. This will cost £925. They will also fund the P7 Leavers Hoodies. They are planning to have Coffee Mornings this year as well as other fundraising events to raise much needed funds for our pupils.</li> </ul>
Primary 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition work with Holy Cross has already begun with Mr Fearon (Depute) visiting pupils. More visits from various Holy Cross departments will be taking place throughout the year.</li> <li>• P7 are raising money to pay for their bus to Lockerbie Manor. The first event they have planned is to raffle a hamper.</li> </ul>
Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.</li> </ul>