

Our Lady and St Annes Primary School –

Minutes - Parent Council Meeting – 28 October 2025 at 6pm

In attendance

Katie Mclean HT,

Anne Walker, Church Rep

Cllr Celine Handibode,

Michael Callaghan – Chair

Louise Jones Secretary

Apologies

Stephanie Waugh, Nicola McDermott, Mrs Craig, Mrs Carroll, Cllr Toner

Councillors

Nothing to report from SLC

PVG

KM discussing new legislation re. the PVG Scheme, in particular provisions which came into force in April 25 requiring all parent helpers to have PVGs. New legislation covers all regulated roles. Our school parent groups are not currently regulated roles. If any groups runs events an event they need to have PVG.

Agreeing will look into PVG membership for the PC for school events

The Parent Council can register via Volunteer Scotland website. MC to consider the legislation guidance and look into registering the PC.

PARENT FEEDBACK

Parent feedback forms from Parent's Evening on 9 October have been considered. Results considered. KM advising the school are looking at areas identified for improvement KM. One area is communication with parents, particularly in respect of things going on within the school. Will consider asking parents for their views about what school can do, or what they are not doing, to address that

KM happy to note parents feel there has been an improvement in the school organizing activities where parents can learn with children e.g. stay and read, stay and count, and stay and play. Looking into other ways to build on this. Looking to open up a discussion with parents about how to get parents into school to learn together more. Also considering that having these events during the school day isn't always accessible for all parents, particularly those with other caring roles or working parents. Previous evening events have not been well attended. Open to hearing options on how to address this.

MC and LB suggested activities for home via Google classroom and teachers providing guides to parents on Google classrooms on how homework should be complete the method being used to teach children particular tasks. Guides on google classroom from teachers about how the children are taught and techniques used for learning. School will consider providing information leaflets to parents and more information on Google Classroom.

Discussing Parents Portal and how this could be utilized more to reach out and engage with parents.

KM pleased to note from survey that parents feel more encouraged to be part of parent council. Will keep working on this. The Minutes are available on the website and will continue to be.

PUPIL COUNCIL

Undertaking training on Young Leaders of Learning. Preparing for a visit in March to partner school for a walk round and feedback to the school. Participating in learning walks with the HT, in and out of classes, and in the corridors. Looking for evidence of the school being welcoming. They have engaged well with this and have already

commented on the lovely reception, school uniform bank. They have also looked at relationships between teachers and children, and noted the new play based learning in infants school which they were impressed with. Considering a meeting between the pupil council and the parent council at some point in the school year.

HOUSE LEADERS

New House Leaders are leading assemblies, prayers, and reporting on house points. They are leading house surgeries once per month – anonymous and in person. Encouraging pupils to make any suggestions and raising complaints. This ties in with SLC focus on developing a complaints process for pupils in school. OLSA children have engaged well with this. They have brought up litter in the playground, issues with equipment

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

SLC have encouraged schools to remind parents of the rationale behind CSD and the barriers to pupils and parents it can cause. The main focus should be on ensuring school activities can take place but without putting the costs onto families.

Noting Halloween parade is taking place on 30 October. Expected to be well-attended. The school have reached out to families who may struggle with the costs of this and have offered support. Discussed a costume bank which worked well in previous years and will consider this for the future.

PTFA

The PTFA have subsidized the panto which will be an in-school panto from an external group. Snacks will also be provided by the PTFA.

P.7 Hoodies – the sample sizes arrived today and pupils have been measured up for the size they like. These have been subsidised fully by the PTFA. The P7 children have responded positively to this.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Fayre is on 3 December. Anne will organize a meeting with PTFA before that to discuss arrangements for this if needed.

School concerts are 10 December am and 11 December pm. Listened to feedback from parents about the timing of these last year and have taken that into account when making arrangements this year.

Dates of Christmas party are on SWAY.

STAFF CHANGES

Two new support staff from the most recent recruitment campaign and hoping they will be able to start after Christmas.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Agreed 02 December 2025 which will be the day before the Christmas Fayre.