

**Campbeltown Grammar School**  
**Parent Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm - CGS**

**Present:**

Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher  
Joanna Holbrook, Chairperson  
Carole Tait, Secretary  
Laura Hunter, Treasurer  
Linda Galbraith  
Lindsay Griffin  
Kristin Gillies  
Lizzie Jasper  
Catherine Ann Macauley  
Valerie McKay  
Malcolm McFadzean  
Lorna Reid  
Emma Woods  
Alix Osbourne, Teacher rep.  
Lesley Brown  
John Armour

**Apologies:**

Carol McEachran, Vice Chairperson  
Karen Brodie  
Katrina Barr  
Andrea MacShannon  
Claire Mitchell  
Ruth Russell  
Rebecca Hill  
Julie Rutherford  
Eilidh Anderson

**Councillors**

Jennifer Kean  
Tommy MacPherson

**Welcome and apologies**

- JH welcomed everyone and apologies received as above.

**Previous minutes of 20th January 2025**

- Homework scheduling has changed for the better and all good.

**Agenda**

**Action**

**Options**

- Concerns were raised over the changes to the timetable where students were not able to receive their original choices. KD to address each individual case to try to accommodate students. Parents to email their concerns to KD. **All**
- Timetable choices are made within a week and KD will issue dates for the Options meetings again to parents. KD confirmed new staff are presenting new ideas to accommodate choices.
- MM highlighted 3 subjects received more hours than core subjects such as Maths. KD to look into this and will address the situation and investigate in due course with solutions however KD highlighted the reason for the inconsistency with time in maths is because the Higher Maths periods are all on the days when there are 45 minute periods. Timetabling maths periods on days when there are 50 minute periods would increase the contact time. This will be considered when the classes are being timetabled for next year. Supported Study and Easter school will be provided where possible **KD**

**Application for Higher Maths at Higher Level**

- Concern over the above not being available for students was raised. KD suggested E-Sgoil would support the subject and Head of maths to get back to KD with update/suggestions. Maybe other schools will be incorporated into the equation and offer classes. KD confirmed re advertising of the maths position has taken place. **KD**

JH highlighted the extra support during school holidays by the teachers for study is very much appreciated. KD confirmed funding had been cut for extra teaching and looking at other options.

### **Fundraising**

A total of £584.00 was received through the coffee morning held this month. Total funding available in the parent council bank is £6,079. A grant from A&B Council is expected for an amount of £429.00 which is yet to be received.

It was agreed to hold another Co-op table during the Spring holidays to raise funds. LH to approach Co-op for a suitable date and all to advise of their availability and support for this event in due course upon a date being confirmed. **LH**  
An hour of the committee members' time is required to monitor the table on the **All** day. Details to follow

### **Teachers Head Report**

- New art teacher Luke Pilkington started in February and will be here until the end of term.
- There are 7 applicants for the Social Subjects position and 3 applicants for the PE of which interviews will be conducted end of next week.
- A new Spanish teacher has been appointed.
- Prelims have been concluded and estimated grades will be sent to the SQA based on all the evidence that has been collected over the year.
- If a young person is absent from an exam, a grade may be awarded. SQA ultimately decide if the evidence supports the grade. The process is robust.
- The 2 day visit from education officers will take place on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March.
- KF and KD attended a 2 day course on Education/attendance and currently the school is at 80% in attendance where the acceptable percentage is 90! The school is hoping to make a push on improving the attendance which is a national problem and assistance from parents is needed to improve on this.
- Homework diaries have been purchased and the school hopes to push the incentive forward for the students to use this method.
- Masterclasses will happen over study leave the day before the exam. This will consist of a whole day of intensive revision with a class teacher.
- There will be a study room available prior to exams which will be supervised and should pupils have no exams they are encouraged to attend and use the room and complete their coursework/assignments.
- BGE had an animation workshop and the sailing club have started a course. S2 had a STEM event out at the MACC base, Drama Club performed in a competition and S3 have had outdoor education with DofE.

### **AOB**

- Teachers being absent from school are difficult to place within a short timeframe and an ongoing issue and have to move the school around to accommodate classes.
- Safety issues between the teachers and pupils was raised. AO confirmed as a teacher she felt very safe in the school. KD to ask the question to the staff currently at the school and will revert back.

Date for next meeting is 07/05/25 at 7pm at CGS – final one before the school holidays.

