

**Campbeltown Grammar School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7pm - CGS**

Present:

Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher
Joanna Holbrook, Chairperson
Carol McEachran, V.Chairpeson
Carole Tait, Secretary
Laura Hunter, Treasurer
Linda Galbraith
Lindsay Griffin
Lizzie Jasper
Catherine Ann Macauley
Valerie McKay
Emma Woods
Alix Osbourne, Teacher rep.
Tommy MacPherson,
Councillor

Apologies:

Karen Brodie
Katrina Barr
Andrea MacShannon
Claire Mitchell
Ruth Russell
Rebecca Hill
Julie Rutherford
Eilidh Anderson
Kristin Gillies
Lesley Brown
Lorna Reid
Malcolm McFadzean
Councillors
John Armour
Jennifer Kean

Welcome and apologies

JH welcomed everyone and apologies received as above.

Previous minutes of March 2025

KD still addressing situation with Maths App Highers. Ongoing issue with staffing requirements being addressed.

KD to raise the issue of obtaining a supply teacher solely for MAKI schools. Option to have primary teachers would only be to teach numeracy and literacy as VM mentioned there are a lot of teachers seeking employment in the primary section. It was noted retired teachers needed to be interviewed should they wish to become a supply teacher.

Agenda

Anaphylaxis kit: CMcE stated the cost for having a supply of an Anaphylaxis kit would be £249.00 excluding VAT. £60pp in addition. Expiry of Epipens would last from 9 months to 18 months with £85 plus VAT to restock annually to which the parent council could fund. CM to find out whether the Epipens can be taken off the school premises to be taken on excursions and could the kit include inhalers.

Action

CMcE

Fundraising/finance: ABC submitted an annual cheque for £429.00. A contribution of £100.00 was gratefully received from Mr M?. The recent Co-op fundraiser totalled to £444.11. Total parent council funding available is currently £7,038.00. LH to liaise with the office with regards to payment for the washing brushes in Mrs Osbourne classes and supply and payment for ties (S1's). All agreed the supply and payment for the ties would be an annual cost from the parent council towards the S1 students. LH to source a suitable date with Helen Gilghrist and the bowling club to hold a Quiz night fundraiser – looking at Jan/Feb next year.

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All parents invited to assist in this event and volunteer accordingly. A thank you was extended to Mr Anthony Johnson and a non-parent council parent Mrs Nancy McMillan for stepping forward and assisting with our recent fundraiser. **More parent engagement and involvement is needed please.**

Funding requests: KD to obtain information from learning support, Duke of Edinburgh and transport costs for funding. Windfarm application closing 16.05.25 and parent council to have information as soon as possible. An application has been sent today to ABC community fund requesting £1,500.00 to go towards providing transportation for MAKI sports. **KD**

Car park / drop off: Concerns on the speed of taxis through the school car park for the college students was raised and the more signage and notices to go up around the car park. The shrub at the school entrance to be trimmed back as students are not being seen waiting at the zebra crossing. KD would like the car pick up and drop off highlighted in that the pupils should be dropped off at the bus turning point for school and the road leading up to the school only be given prior permission through the school office. Subject to be revisited as to what is required for areas of concern and possible extra obstacles to be implemented to make it safe for all. TM suggested the school, education services and the council meet to discuss further and assess the signage and layout. KD suggested meeting with the pupils at a later date to discuss their concerns. **TM & KD**

Uniform: LG raised concerns over the uniform. Ongoing subject with the school and the pupils. KD to obtain a list of what **NOT to wear during school hours** and a suggestion to have a casual and formal uniform will be discussed at a later date. All parents to be addressed with the correct uniform policy and a survey to go out to all parents before the year end and results to be presented at next meeting. **KD**

Head teacher report – the Deputy Head Post has been advertised again. New Spanish teacher starting soon. Mr Pilkington will now stay in post until Christmas. New art teacher starting in August. Transition dates are 10th , 11th and 12th June. New timetable will start on 27th May. **KD**

Improvement Plan was made available to parent council and all members present were asked for their feedback. Will be rolled out again in due course for feedback/suggestions.

AOB

Parent Council meetings for the diary; next AGM 10th September 2025, 30th October 2025, 20th January 2026, 11th March 2026 and 7th May 2026.