

**Campbeltown Grammar School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7pm - CGS**

Present:

Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher
Liv Tamburrini, DHT
Kim Fletcher, DHT
Elaine McGeachy, DHT
Joanna Holbrook, Chairperson
Carole Tait, Secretary
Laura Hunter, Treasurer
Linda Galbraith
Lindsay Griffin
Lizzie Jasper
Catherine Ann Macauley
Valerie McKay
Emma Woods
Alix Osbourne, Teacher rep.
Sarah McFadzean
Malcolm McFadzean
Lorna Reid
Sharon Gillies McCallum

Apologies:

Carol McEachran, V.Chairpeson
Karen Brodie
Katrina Barr
Andrea MacShannon
Claire Mitchell
Ruth Russell
Rebecca Hill
Julie Rutherford
Eilidh Anderson
Kristin Gillies
Lesley Brown

Councillors

John Armour
Jennifer Kean
Tommy MacPherson

AGM Welcome and apologies - JH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes The minutes from the last AGM (10th September 2024) and the meeting held on 7th May 2025 were reviewed and approved. No further comments were made regarding previous minutes.

Chairperson's Report (JH)

Thanks extended to the school, janitors, and staff for their ongoing support, including use of the building for meetings.

Parent Council supported:

- Recruitment of Miss Tamburrini.
- Contribution to the school improvement plan.
- Several fundraising events: Bingo night, coffee morning, Easter & Christmas stalls at the Co-op.

Funding highlights:

- Successful Common Good Fund application helped fund the Modern Studies trip to London.
- J&A Mitchell donated £1,500 (second year in a row) – still to be allocated for transport use.
- Unsuccessful application to Supporting Communities Fund (for MAKI transport), but other opportunities will be explored.
- Contributions made to the Home Economics department through the year and Activities Day held in June.

Financial Report (Laura Hunter, Treasurer)

- Current bank balance: approximately **£6,500**.

- **£1,500** to be allocated — KD to consult staff and report back on preferred use. PC would like this allocated to transport costs.
- KF thanked the Parent Council for funding S1 school ties. This initiative will continue annually at the S1 graduation assembly.

Election of Office Bearers

Position	Name	Notes
Chairperson	Jo Holbrook	Re-elected
Vice-Chairperson	Valerie McKay	Replacing Carol McEachran
Treasurer	Laura Hunter	Continuing role
Secretary	Vacant	Carole Tait stepping down – volunteers welcome

Agenda

Advanced Highers (Chemistry & Biology)

- Concern over online delivery and independent learning model.
- KD to discuss with pupils and staff to ensure subjects are properly supported and attended.
- Face-to-face options in Oban/Dunoon may be considered.

Maths

- Delivered by E-Sgoil and supported via after-school sessions.
- A national issue, not limited to A&B Council.
- KD to explore potential use of retired teachers and report back.

University/College Open Days & Careers

- Open days accessible to S5/S6 students.
- Ongoing calendar of career development events (e.g., Agriculture Day in February 2026).
- **Transport remains a challenge:**
 - Fundraising options being considered.
 - KD to gather more details.
 - MF to enquire with Kintyre Hire for Mon-Fri bus hire.

Fundraising Events

- Outdoor education funding requests should be submitted via application form to Parent Council.
- Mrs. Spree submitted a funding application for English Dept. to attend *To Kill a Mockingbird* — pending PC approval.
- Flamingo Fundraiser (organised previously by Agnes Stewart) discussed as a possible future funding fundraiser event.
- Quiz night to be held in March. LH has booked with Helen Gilgrihst.

. Defibrillator & Anaphylaxis Kit

- CT to submit photos to *The Courier* for community awareness and a public thank you to the contribution.
- KD to forward relevant images. Note: previously covered in school newsletters.

ASN Provision

- Staffing review completed; increased support staff agreed and will be implemented.

Attainment & SQA Results

- KF shared overall results via a presentation.
- Due to confidentiality, the presentation was not shared however and overview of the attainment is available here

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2025/aug/ambitious-approach-council-boosts-national-pass-rate-ranking>

A press release will be prepared and will be published in *The Courier*.

Head Teacher's Report (KD)

Staffing Updates:

- Ms Tamburrini was welcomed as DHT. BGE head of S1.
- Elaine McGeachy stepping down for maternity leave; will return to original Faculty of Wellbeing & Technology post after maternity leave.
- Stuart McQuaker returning to teach PE.
- DHT position to be advertised internally, then nationally.
- 3 applications received for Art post.
- Aunice Murray retiring in October.
- Mrs. Taylor to become new Faculty Head of Arts & Social Subjects.
- Mr Taylor will head our Social Subjects department.
- Megan Anderson returning from maternity leave (Music).

Other Updates:

- KD thanked parents and the community for continued support.
- **Prizegiving Review:** A member queried why all students weren't invited to the prize giving and KD to review process as part of school improvement plan.

AOB (Any Other Business)

- **Toilets:** Ongoing concerns — to be reviewed and addressed by KD.

- **Home Economics Event:** Judging on 6th November. VM offered to represent PC (subject to availability).
- **Christmas Fundraiser:** AO agreed to prepare a Christmas cake for Co-op tabletop sale. PC will cover ingredient costs. LM to book date and collate schedule.
- **Games for Department:** PC approved funding. Cheque to be issued (LH).
- **School Uniform:** New website being developed. Some parents prefer local purchasing. KD to investigate local options and report back.

Action Points Summary

Action	Responsible
Allocation of £1,500 and feedback from staff	KD
Enquire about retired teachers for Maths	KD
Obtain bus transport costs	KD
Enquire with Kintyre Hire	MF
Flamingo fundraiser – review feasibility	TM & KD
Share defibrillator/anaphylaxis kit photos	KD > CT
Toilet facilities review	KD
Christmas cake prep and Co-op booking	AO & LH
Uniform local purchase options	KD

Meeting Dates for the Diary

- **30th October 2025**
- **20th January 2026**
- **11th March 2026**
- **7th May 2026**