

**Campbeltown Grammar School  
Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm - CGS**

**Present:**

Kirsty Donnelly, Head Teacher  
Liz Thomson, DHT  
Lindsay Ramsay, Active Sch.  
Joanna Holbrook, Chairperson  
Valerie McKay, Vice Chair  
Emma Woods - Funding  
Carole Tait, Secretary/funding  
Laura Hunter, Treasurer  
Alix Osbourne, Teacher rep  
Linda Galbraith  
Catherine Ann Macauley  
Lindsay Griffin  
Malcolm McFadzean  
Kristin Gillies  
Eilidh Anderson  
John Armour  
Tommy MacPherson

**Apologies received:**

Lizzie Jasper  
Jennifer Kean  
Claire Mitchell

**Absent:**

Lorna Reid  
Sharon Gillies McCallum  
Karen Brodie  
Katrina Barr  
Ruth Russell  
Rebecca Hill  
Julie Rutherford  
Lesley Brown

**Welcome and Apologies**

JH chaired the meeting and advised apologies as above. Jo welcomed Liz Thomson to her first meeting.

**Approval of Previous Minutes from 30/10/2025**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved – see notes below.

**Proposed by:** Lindsay Griffin

**Seconded by:** Laura Hunter

**Updates / Actions from Previous Meeting**

- **Cooking Competition:** VM attended the cooking completion and was very impressed. Ava Lawson won the competition and has progressed to the next stage, to be held in Ayrshire.
- **Thermomix Demo:** Well received. CGS now has its own equipment.
- **Tracking Reports:** Currently under review by an improvement working group. Parent feedback to be sought in due course.
- **Study Support:**
  - C. Mr Walker has offered lunchtime supported study for Chemistry and Ms Donnelly will provide additional support where required.
  - Online physics support currently being sourced.
  - Easter School hoped to be condensed into one week.
- **Chromebooks:** Currently in the process of being issued.
- **ABC Education Review:** JA to send information to Parent Council. Possible video link to explain what is involved.
- **School Improvement Plan:** Summary to be reviewed and presented at a future Parent Council meeting.  
**Action:** KD

## AGENDA ITEMS Maths / Maths Applications

- Question raised regarding the rationale for sitting Maths and Maths Applications prelims in the same year.
- Discussion highlighted that some students could benefit from achieving Maths Applications first to build confidence and attainment. Math Apps is accepted to get into Uni/College.
- Dual qualifications were discussed as a positive way to build momentum for students and the school.
- Staffing and logistics to be reviewed, and further exploration of Maths / Maths Applications pathways required.

## Exams

- A concern was raised by a parent regarding two exams being scheduled on the same day, with no lunch prepared.
- KD issued an apology, acknowledging this should not have happened.
- Catering staff prepared soup and sandwiches at short notice for affected students.
- An exam scheduled for **25 May**, during a school holiday, will still take place in school.
- LG raised concerns over prelim result timescales (5–6 weeks considered too long).  
**Action:** KD to enquire about reducing turnaround time for prelim results.

## Option Choices

- Current draft option choices were a trial to gather pupil interest.
- LT exploring local industries around Campbeltown to align subject offerings with skills and employment opportunities.
- Business Studies currently not offered; possibility of a digital/online course to be explored.  
**Action:** KD to review options with the college.
- Use of Teams links to cover teacher absences discussed, though timetable implications noted.

## Parking & Safety

- Request for a notice to parents/carers highlighting new speed limits and asking that **Ralston Road** (Limecraigs exit) not be used for parking on the road.
- Possible use of cones to prevent unsafe parking (to be sourced).

## Fundraising & Finance-please email parent council for further summary of accounts.

- English Department received funding for the *To Kill a Mockingbird* theatre visit.
- Christmas Concert raised **£246.00**.
- Co-op stand raised **£444.49**.
- Board games purchased for Home Economics £102.85.
- Contribution made to Street Sports £250.00.
- **Outdoor Education:**
  - £1,500 from Common Good Fund
  - £500 top-up from Parent Council
  - **Action:** Mr Osborne & Mr Kenny to provide equipment list so money from fund can be withdrawn.
- Outdoor kit for staff agreed to be purchased using these funds.
- Language app cost reduced to **£500 per year** (thanks to Mrs Kidd-Cor). Future years to be discussed.
- **Action:** LH to contact office regarding cheque payee details.
- Follow-up email to Mr Walker regarding archery equipment funding.

- Music Department:
  - Electric piano purchase under discussion and requested funding towards the purchase and as £246.00 has been raised – further discussion to take place.
  - EW to explore external funding (Wind Farm, MACC, MOWI).
  - Springbank unable to fund at present.

### Events & Activities

- **Quiz Night: Saturday 28 March**, Bowling Club. Volunteers welcome.
- **S6 Formal:**
  - KG requested Parent Council funding support via S6 student.
  - S6 to submit a cost breakdown to committee email.
  - Agreement that an annual contribution could be made from PC.
  - S6 fundraising event planned for **19<sup>th</sup> February, prize bingo at Argyll Bowling Club.**
- **Flamingo Fundraiser:**
  - AO presented idea; possibility of 6 teachers supporting on a rota.
  - Further information to be emailed to Parent Council.**Action: AO**

### Parent Engagement

- Committee noted lack of wider parental support with donations and volunteering.
- A £50 or £100 club suggested as a potential fundraising idea.

### Head Teacher's Report

- Prelim review and data analysis to be presented at next meeting.
- Winner of Solo Piping competition: Aran Brown
- Kintyre Food Bank / Landmark Trust involvement ongoing.
- MOWI and SAMs to conduct a loch survey; students invited to assist.
- MACC Badminton team won their competitions.
- Christmas Concert was a major success.
- University of Edinburgh collaborating with Science Department on lab work and online sessions.

### Active Schools Update

- Lindsay Ramsay attended to discuss ongoing Active Schools programmes. Attached details of events.
- Thanks given to Parent Council for funding Street Sports, which filled quickly.
- Volunteers requested for future events.
- Breakdown of Active Schools activity provided (attached).

### AOB

- Minibus provision still under discussion to reduce transport costs to MACC engineering programme.
- MM to explore place of work with possible funding contribution.
- **Action:** JH to enquire with Shopper Aid regarding possible use of their vehicle, including contribution toward maintenance.

**Meeting Dates for the Diary 11th March 2026 & 7th May 2026.**

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**2 secondary schools & 9 primary schools in Kintyre Cluster.**

**Specific cluster budget approx. £1400**

### **The work of Active Schools in CGS:**

- Support the sports leaders throughout the academic year and deliver/co-ordinate coaching courses.
- Badminton Basics – Badminton Scotland delivery Dec 2025. SDS Disability in Sport Course – March 2026.
- All current sports leaders attended Active Schools Conference in Lochgilphead Aug 2025
- All sports leaders will be deployed for 3wk period into local primary school March 2026.
- Working with sports ambassadors, to promote school sports, delivery & support with sports council. Pupils v Teacher's volleyball match, Dec 2025. Pupils v Teachers volleyball in the pipeline.
- MAKI Schools sports competition – 4 events per year. Targeting all pupils in S1 – S6. Football, badminton, volleyball & softball.
- Streetsports Project – Thank you! Into our 4<sup>th</sup> year, run for 6wks from Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>. Targeting pupils in P7 – S3. Popular project, run in partnership with Community Learning & local schools.
- SPAR girls football, scheduled for later in the year. Debate around SPAR or our own A & B event.
- On-going support with PE Dept, number of clubs on each week.
- In addition working with Kintyre Canoe Club & Kintyre SUP club to provide extra-curricular opportunities for the pupils. All volunteer led, active schools donation to each club per year.
- Working with Bowls Scotland, to run with an 'intro to bowls club' coaching course. Hope to get taster sessions running at CGS.