

**Campbeltown Grammar School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7pm - CGS**

Present: Joanna Holbrook, Catherine-Anne MacAulay, Sharon Gillies-McCallum, Linda Galbraith, Alix Osborne, Valerie MacKay, Emma Woods, Laura Hunter, Livia Tamburrini, Kirsty Donnelly

Apologies: Carole Tait, John Armour, Kristin Gillies, Eilidh Anderson, Jennifer Kean, Claire Mitchell, Andrea McShannon, Malcolm McFadzean

Actions from the last meeting were addressed

- Physics support had been put in place
- School will be running after school support which parents are welcome to come along. It will run Mon-Thurs. Only for senior phase at present but will be extended to BGE group
- Easter school will run for some subjects
- Chromebooks are ordered but taking a long time to arrive. Considering having them returned in June so they can be refurbished for the next year.
- Argyll and Bute education review was received from John Armour and will be attached to the minutes.
 - Considers aligning timetables – unlikely before 2028
 - There is much work to do but will help moderation standards
- The amount of time for prelim results to be issued has been raised with the leadership team and will re-visit for next year.
- Shopper-Aide was contacted about the mini bus. Unfortunately it isn't working at present but will explore further to see what the issue is.
- Quiz – volunteers to have a whatsapp group for organisation.

Agenda items

Homework

The issue in consistency and amounts was raised (again). Conversations have been had but KD will go back again to staff. It was suggested the Heads of Departments could take this on.

KD suggested a questionnaire to parents asking for feedback might be of use.

Points have been taken onboard – that S1 aren't set any for holidays.

It was commented that revision homework before test would be useful.

Senior phase should be set weekly, but also marked and feedback given, not just marking their own homework.

Homework helps build resilience and confidence and there would be an overhaul of it, perhaps projects or practical tasks.

It was noted there was some issue with the use of AI in completing past papers

Finance

It had been a busy couple of months financially.

£500 given for language nut software

£1500 received from the common good fund for outdoor education

£500 given to Outdoor Ed

£500 towards the S6 formal

£500 given to the archery club for equipment

£185 towards transport for the girls football

£246 raised from Christmas concert for the music department

The Campbeltown junior running club is donating to us for use on sporting endeavours as they no longer exist – amount as yet unknown.

This gives a working balance of £2617 and £815 ringfenced for transport.

Head Teacher Report

Staffing English advert out

Meeting about other posts arranged

New ASN appointed

Options process is well underway, giving time for pupils to speak with guidance teachers if necessary

Timetables will be out soon

There are some new options being worked on – admin/IT and business online. These are dependant on a number of factors so the offer hasn't been made yet.

Senior study sessions underway and parents are welcome too

The S3 group who attended Loch Eil did really well

CGS was represented at the rotary cooking competition

S1 have been doing outdoor ed and a poetry competition

S3 are going out on the loch to search for INNS (Invasive non native species) this is in conjunction with SAMS, MOWI and seaports

S3 and S4 had a DYW trip to the SECC for apprenticeships

Drama festival was a success

The 'girls group' did well at a music competition

The art gallery space is ready for a summer exhibition

Polygrub has arrived and will be erected shortly

There was an aquaculture event for S1-S3 which went down really well and lots of learning

Darts club has begun

The speed bumps are now in place

Action not to strike will be relayed to parents

Graduation date for s6 likely to be 24 April

AOB

We need a recruitment campaign for people to join the parent council, and especially a secretary. We can 'advertise in the fortnightly bulleting – details to be sent to LT

Arrange to meet the junior pupil council

Safety – van poorly parked at gates to be reported

Report cards need to be improved, they are the same each time and sometimes wrong child name in showing copy and paste.

Next meeting 7 May