



The Robert Burns Academy Parent Council Barony Campus

- Date:** 3rd November 2025, 6pm
- Present:** Rosemary Allan, Jillian D'Agostino, Carol Dillon, Claire Donnelly, Hazel Drummond, Elaine Gemmell, Sheena Gemmell, Elspeth Goldie, Catrina Heggie, Lesley Hill, Stuart Hill, Laura Kelso, Amanda Luff, Louise McClounie, Ian McMeekin, Kirsty Mitchell, Christina Palmer, Janet Sloan, Cheryl Templeton, David Todd, Mary Wilson
- In Attendance:** Tracy Stewart, Jayden Dickson (School Captain), Nicola McClory (The Brilliant Club)
- Apologies:** Louise Wright, Adele Young

Agenda items

1. Pupil Report (Full presentation included below)

Jayden gave a presentation by way of an update on activities during October, including:

- Attendance at year group assemblies
- Ambassador roles, including a new rep from SLC
- Plans to work closely with the new head of Hillside
- Visit to Dalmellington Care Home for a resident's 100 th birthday
- Plans for increased community involvements
- Introduction of a worry box for S1
- Plans for a campus mural, each pupil and staff member has created a jigsaw piece. Mr McGlynn from Art is leading on the project
- Remembrance day memorial plans – attending local memorial 9 th , school memorial 11 th with pupils laying poppies to create display on Spanish steps
- House names – will be after local mines. Lennon Auld working with Councillor McMahan to find out more about the history
- New pupil run TikTok, to bring a bit of fun



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- Over October we have been attending all year group assemblies as well as SLC's assemblies. We are there to celebrate the achievement of the pupils.
- S1 have the year head awards and SLC have awards for pupils from each year group.
- At the last SLC assembly we announced that one their pupils Ewan would be joining our Senior Leadership team as a Peer Ambassador.
- We are also soon to be working with the new head of Hillside School around getting pupil volunteers to host lunch time clubs and to help around classrooms.
- Our goal is to further push inclusion within the school and create a further sense of community within the entire campus

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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes circulated via email, noted at meeting and agreed as accurate. Proposed by Christina and seconded by Claire.

3. Correspondence

All correspondence received has been circulated including Q&A from PVG session

4. Update from Chair

No specific items to update.

5. Parent Steering Group Meeting

AGM took place last week, minutes will follow in due course. Group provides examples of good practice of parent councils and opportunities to share learning, however is quite primary lead given the large number of primary schools. Items discussed included the changes to ASN, attainment and the budget.

6. Guest Speaker

Nicola McClory gave a presentation about her work with the charity "The Brilliant Club"

(The Brilliant Club) which supports schools and their pupils who face barriers getting to university. They also focus on parental engagement through the Parent Power programme, that aims to train parents and carers in community organising, providing an opportunity to connect with decision makers. It also aims to develop parents and carers in to higher education experts. The charity is currently working in Springburn, Glasgow and East Ayrshire has been allocated funding for 3 years.



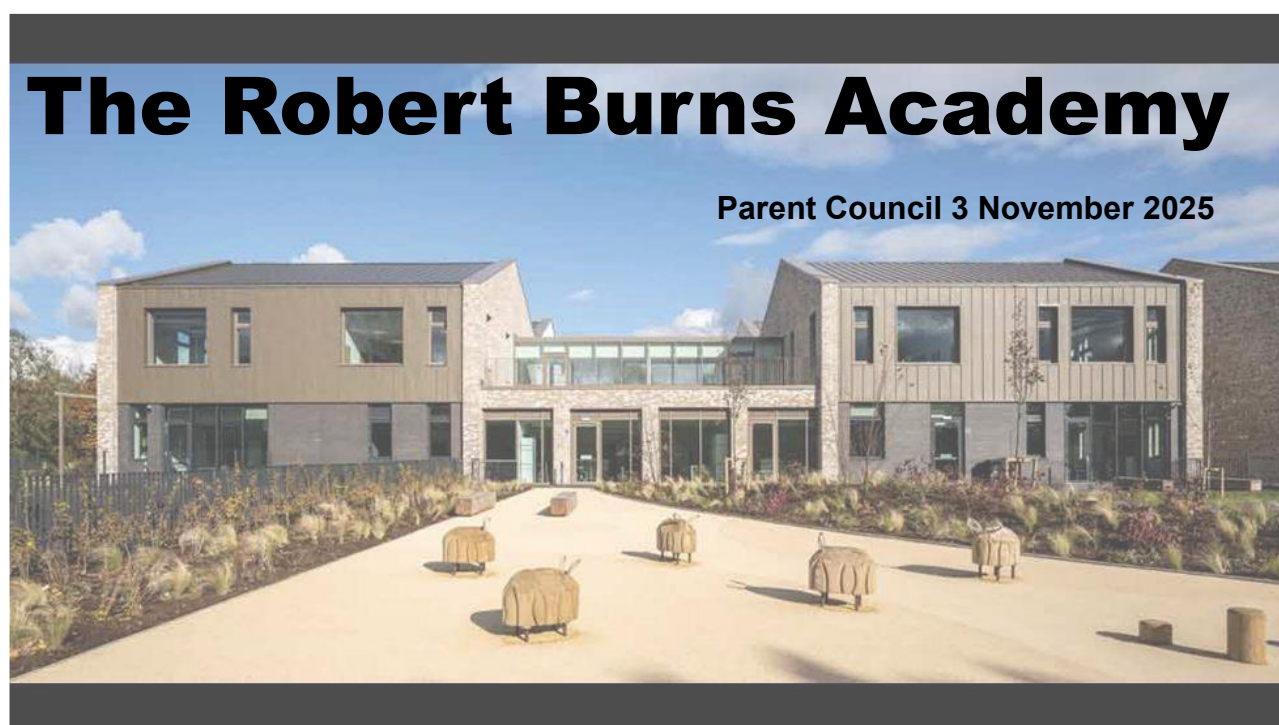
Nicola hopes to identify RBA parents and carers to work with alongside other schools in East Ayrshire, and will attend an in-school skills event at the end of November.

7. Head Teacher's Report

Report provided by Head Teacher, full report on file.

A successful Authority visit took place in early October, with both staff and pupils taking part in discussions and observations. The report will be shared once available. Tracy has asked for a follow-up visit in February.

An additional Maths PT, Mr Wallace, will be starting on Monday until the end of the school year.



8. Report from Fundraising Sub-Committee

Only one event since the last meeting.

Need more volunteers to help out by either baking or manning the stall.

Upcoming November events:

6th – S5/6 parents evening

17th – S1 parents evening

25th – Study Skills event for S4-S6

9. Financial Report from Treasurer

Bake sale at S4 parent's night raised £57.05

Balance: not provided.

10. AOCB

Work experience was discussed and Tracy advised there was currently no strategy in East Ayrshire to



provide pupils with opportunities. If pupils identify their own placements risk assessments would need to be completed. Jillian agreed to raise it at the next PCSG meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

8th December 2025 – MEETING CANCELLED

New date for next meeting 2nd February 2026