



# Kilmarnock Academy

## Parent Council Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Conference Room, Kilmarnock Academy

**Present:** David Rose, Stephen Coyle, Elaine Paton, Donna Rae, Allan Reid, Carol MacInnes, Clare Purewal, Fiona Anderson, Jen Graham, Graham Boyd (Councillor), Graham Barton (Councillor), Julie Connor, Fiona Milne, Claire-Louise Davidson, Angela Brownlie, Peter Mabon (Councillor)

**Apologies:** Robert Joseph, Karen Paterson, Laura McChristie and Lynsey Kerr

### Welcome, apologies and Steering Committee – Stephen Coyle

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided apologies for those unable to attend. The next steering group meeting is due to take place next Tuesday and SC will provide a full update in February.

DR gave a brief update on traffic controllers around the school.

### AI Journey – Bethany McGrath

BM took the attendees through the various AI tools that Kilmarnock Academy are utilising and encouraging young people during lessons to use. AI tools are helping teaching staff to create learning plans, translate resources, housekeeping and more. The school are utilising TeachMate AI, Copilot, Canva, Adobe Express, GAMMA, Achieve, Kahoot, Wayground and others. Teaching staff have recently completed AI for educators course within Microsoft showcase.

DR explained that BM has recent gained a promotion and will be moving to a new position at a school in Lanarkshire in the new year. Everyone congratulated her on the new role.

### Respect Me/Anti-bullying & Rewards – Angela Brownlie

AB explained about the various coin rewards available within the school, which has recently been widened to take account of achievements our young people have outside of the school setting. All pupils have been briefed on the updated reward scheme and are actively encouraged by it.

Work is ongoing to review the Respect me policy within the school. Details of this can be found on the school blog, including Parent information, policies etc. Within the EAC policy KA is on page 18. Work to review the policy has started with the young people being surveyed, which has given some good results and areas to focus on.

### AOB – Stephen Coyle

#### Parent Pay discrepancies.

SC has a call planned with the Head of facilities later this week to discuss this matter directly. There have been some issues highlighted from other schools regarding Parent Pay. The parent council encourages parents to check their Parent Pay transactions for accuracy if they feel they have any issues. Any discrepancies should be reported to the catering facilities within EAC – [facilitiesandpropertymanagement-](#)

[cateringsupport@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:cateringsupport@east-ayrshire.gov.uk) . To see your payment history – log into Parent Pay, scroll down to recent payments, select view payment history and select your appropriate date range.

### **Tracking report changes**

DR provided the attendees with a copy of the updated BGE tracking report to take home and feedback thoughts.

### **New Parent Council Members**

We are actively looking for new members to join the parent council. If you feel you have a few hours per month to help work with the school and parents for our young people, then we'd like to hear from you. You can express interest by emailing us at [kilmarnockacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kilmarnockacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com) or you can come along to the next meeting. Meetings are generally the first Monday each month, and last c 2 hours.

The next parent council meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 6.30pm in the conference room, Kilmarnock Academy. If you would like to join the parent council, please come along on the evening.

If you have anything you'd like to bring to the attention of the parent council, please get in touch by emailing [kilmarnockacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kilmarnockacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com) , you can also keep up to date with updates on the Kilmarnock Academy Parent Council Facebook page.