
Netherlee Primary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th November 2025

Attendees

Parents: Mike Law, Conor McCarthy, Helen Cross, Emily Felton, Holly Hodgart, Gillian Gray, Michelle Jaffrey, Kayleigh McNair, Michelle Boreland, Victoria Pearson, Handri Cronje

School Staff: Yvonne Donaldson, Julie Roberts, Lynne Sweeney, Kelly Linn, Taylor O'Brien

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Meeting opened and previous minutes approved (Proposed: Victoria, Seconded: Michelle B).
- Apologies received from Harriet Boyle.

2. PTA Update

- First PTA meeting held to establish working group.
- Upcoming events:
 - School Discos – 6th & 7th November
 - Christmas Fayre – 20th November (donations from 14th November; PTA to run tombola)
- Cauliflower Cards artwork to be distributed to parents on 19th September.
- Successful uniform sales and sports week raffle.
- Donation made towards the Trim Trail project.
- Accounts for past two years reviewed and approved by Lorna Caldwell.
- Bank name change in progress.
- Class of 2025 to make a legacy donation.

3. Connect Membership

- Membership confirmed and paid.
- Training opportunities available to parents; link to be circulated.
- Mailing list option to be explored.

4. Head Teacher's Report (Yvonne Donaldson)

- Thanks extended to PTA for support during the summer.
- Trim Trail resurfacing cost reduced from £16k to £7k; work to be scheduled.

- Achievements and Awards:
 - First Scottish primary to achieve **Gold “We Make Music” Award**.
 - Digital Wellbeing Award received.
 - ECO Flag recredited (11th time); ceremony scheduled for 24th September.
 - RRSA Gold Award recreditation in progress.
 - “Keeping the Promise” Award achieved.
- Standards & Quality Report:
 - Strong leadership, inclusion, and high attainment.
 - Our school is enriched by 136 families representing 31 languages, creating a vibrant and inclusive community. Strengthened transition processes ensure every learner and family feels supported.
 - Focus on metaskills, debating, pupil voice, and refreshed values.
- Staff and pupil initiatives include leadership opportunities, life skills, curriculum enrichment, and updated anti-racism and anti-bullying policies.

5. Pupil Parliament

- Revised structure with one pupil representative from each class (22 pupils total).
- First term focus: Vision and Values.
- Action plans to be developed and reviewed to ensure genuine impact.
- Parental input collected for discussion at Pupil Parliament.

6. Staff Updates

- School reviewing social media strategy: considering moving to several new platforms from X (Twitter).

7. Maths Week Scotland

- Theme: “Wild Maths.”
- Parents invited to speak on how maths is applied in careers.
- Timetable to be arranged by Mr Bryce based on volunteer availability.

8. Nursery Inspection

- Recent inspection rated “Good” overall, with strengths highlighted.
- Concerns noted regarding Acorns building (structural, toilet facilities and uneven surfaces). Currently not in use.
- Saplings building operational and receiving investment.
- Follow-up inspection expected within one year.
- Outdoor and sensory garden improvements planned.
- Education Department committed to addressing required building repairs.

9. Mobile Phones in Schools

- Council Survey to be shared via Friday bundle.

10. Communications

- MB proposed new plans to make communications more efficient
- Options under review: distribution list consolidation, AI tools & design tools (e.g. Chat GPT, Sway, Canva).
- Open discussion on future communications approach.

11. Any Other Business

- None raised.

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