

Masterton Primary School Parent Council – Tuesday 10/03/2026

PRESENT: Stephen Humphries (Headteacher), Sharon Saxton (Deputy Headteacher), Eleanor English (Deputy Headteacher), Donna Henderson, Samantha Somerville, Karen Stewart, Paula Fyffe, Nicole Hendrickx, Scott Downie, Stacey Reid, Tracey-Ann Paterson, Josephine Shaw, N Satkunarrtan

APOLOGIES: Jennifer Wilkie, Kirsty Leonard, Lorraine Scouller.

Reminder of Council Members

The full parent council for 2025/2026 will be as follows:

Chairperson: Donna Henderson

Vice Chairperson: Nicole Hendrickx

Secretary: Jennifer Wilkie

Vice Secretary (Communications): Karen Stewart

Treasurer: Scott Downie

Vice Treasurer (Signatory): Stephanie / Ross Blanchflower

Parent Member: Kirsty Leonard

Parent Member: Lorraine Scouller

Parent Member: Josephine Shaw

Parent Member: Tracy-Ann Paterson

Parent Member: Paula Fyffe

Parent Member: Stacey Reid

Parent Member: Haajira Hussain

Parent Member: Alison Cowie

Parent Member: Samantha Somerville

Parent Member: Vacant

Non-voting roles

FRoMPS Rep: Samantha Somerville

Gala Rep: Stacey Reid and Tracy-Ann Paterson

Co-opted Member: Stephen Humphries (Headteacher)

Co-opted Member: Eleanor English (Deputy Headteacher), Sharon Saxton (Deputy Headteacher)

1) Welcome (Chair)

Donna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Minutes of previous Parent Council Meeting 18th November 2026

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18th November 2025 were approved at the meeting tonight

3) Chairpersons Report

Great to see lots of events in the term going on for the children and great results. Thanks to the teachers for all their efforts. Children all seemed excited about the iPad in P6 & P7. PVG applications for the next disco are underway. Parent council members will be on the next batch

4) Treasurers Report

Balance £6,989.62 (£500 float and £140 DJ cleared)

My Art Project brought in £304.80

Easy Fundraising brought in £123.83

Interest £17.68

Payment for gifts agreed at last meeting £29.34 complete

Children's Christmas party's donation £300 complete

Forecast outgoings:

Cash float for disco - £200

First aid course - £30

Scott is in the process of being added as bank signatories. Scott has taken over as treasurer.

5) Headteacher's Report

- Masterton Mile Accounts – position/ spend by year group
- Ipad's – social bullying, group chats, parents access
- School Trips
- Blue bags – to be discussed prior to next purchase due 2028 ish
(Purchased in advance)

6) FROMPS report

Easter disco 20th March 2026 – preparations underway, Ipad and forms set up and ready. 7 members on the FROMPS core team now. Organising some easter games for kids during the event.

Plans for a summer fayre 5th June 6.30pm – 8.30 provisionally including bouncy castles, fun run, slide, Discussed options of funding for inflatables with and without generators. Expectation wristbands would be £5 each. To be discussed near the time.

First aider has completed the course so we have a FROMPs member qualified for events

7) GALA report

27th June 2026 – Advised that there will be no bus transport arranged by the gala. Theme is Sci-fi/Superhero's – Front page competition entries due in for 26th March 25th November 2026 – Christmas Concert event

Requesting funding for a Gazebo which must have sides – looking for donations Excess stock from Fun day will be donated to the Gala. Advised in previous years we donated £75 to Gala for extras. It was felt an investment of £200 would not be unreasonable. Gala Reps to put together a proposal on spend/priority

8) AOB

Masterton Community Issues – Regards to incident of pupil being followed home

There is a clear protocol for this which is linked between the police and Education Authorities. We are not allowed to send out any messages unless approved by the Head of Service and Police Scotland. Messages will only be sent out if agreed by Education and Police.

Glee competition – 40 children, over subscribed had to let some children down. Great so much interest. Competition end of March – Team name Masterton Melodies – Agreed £200 (£5 x 40) donation to the costumes to be reused year on year

Offensive Weapon policy

Offensive Weapon policy is clear in that the police must be contacted. Police will then decide upon the action to be taken. This is always done irrespective of the age of the child or the 'weapon'.

Playground behaviour reporting

Where appropriate incidents will be reported to parents. We are not always made aware of incidents by pupils and sometimes it takes a long time to fully investigate.

Male: Female student ratio

Total pupils in school – 429.

Boys – 229 Girls – 200

Boys outnumber girls at 4 stages. Gender balance is considered in the make up of classes but there are stages where there is a significant imbalance e.g. P.1 has 18 more boys than girls, P.3 has 11 more girls than boys and P.4 has 23 more boys than girls.

Strikes were announced and subsequently cancelled

Mr Humphries announced he will be Retiring this summer and will announce to the school community tomorrow.

9) Date for next Parent Council Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2026

All meetings will take place between 6.30-8.30pm in Masterton Primary School