



DA Parent Council Meeting 21st May 2025

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present L Vinnie (Chair) , L.Giriat (Treasurer) , M McEwen(Minute), Joann Dillon (HT), M McGuire plus pupil representatives (for agenda item 3 only. J. Gordon (apologies)

Minutes of March 5th approved with correction to date.

2. Matters Arising

HT having regular meetings with design team. At present focused on accommodation schedule, rooming allocation and best use of space within footprint.

Mobile phone policy evaluation ongoing – feedback from staff suggests the trial change to policy was not as effective as hoped so further consideration required and at present original policy stands. Pupil Council also investigating via survey. Authority position also being considered.

MMc still to arrange meeting with M Kell re Burns Supper Evaluation

Employability Event took place and reporting required. **Finance details to be completed (MMc)**

Carried Forward - Action Provide a list of Committees (JD/JG)

Carried Forward – LV to ask VM about setting up a Just Giving page.

3. Rights Respecting Schools

Parent Council thanked pupils for a presentation on Rights Respecting Schools – this will be followed up by an application for Silver level.

4. School Uniform

School Uniform consultation - Parent Council shown items of possible new uniform to be phased in from 2025 and be new uniform 2026/27 to move to new garments. **Further consultation with pupils to take place in August.**

5. Standards and Quality

Overview provided by JD summarising improvements seen in skills within the BGE (S1-S3) and a slight improvement in literacy and numeracy attainment. Attendance target was not met and further work is required to improve this, with interventions planned. PC commended the school for improving the sense of belonging and community with family events, rewarding values, school awards for individual pupils and other development building the approach to nurture and support.

Action – overview to be uploaded to website and new school improvement targets to be communicated with similar priorities on skills, literacy, numeracy, attendance and nurture and tracking if wellbeing. JD

6. Protection of Vulnerable Groups

PVG - questions have been raised at the Parent Council Forum about whether Office Bearers need to have PVG.

Action - Follow up with Vanessa Morris (LV at PC Forum)

7. Head Teachers Report

Covered by agenda item 4 and information provided through weekly update. Discussion took place on best form of reporting from HT to parent council members to avoid duplication while giving the PC a chance to consider and respond to issues/suggestions/requests.

Action It was agreed that JD would provide a short update in advance of the PC meeting detailing any information or requests to PC not already covered in the weekly updates.

7. Treasurers Report

Attached in Appendix 1

8. Events and Fundraising

P7 Transition on 26th June at 6pm. **PC invited to attend and contribute a prize for raffle.**

School Show on 19th /20th June **PC invited to attend and contribute prizes.**

DGPFC next meeting takes place 22/5/25 LV will attend and report back.

Action – agree who from PC can attend each event to represent and collect raffle prizes to contribute. (All)

9. AOCB

As previously agreed, the Parent Council will offer support to individual S6 committees by inviting them to bid for resources. Agreed that the value of fund will be £300 with each committee being able to bid for anything up to £100. Awards will be judged against school values.

PC to provide template for ‘Pitch’ from committee to allocate funding for the year. (MMc)

S1-3 Awards will take place with a similar format to last year with the possibility of a Rectors Medal for values.

Action – PC offered award for ‘Compassion’ in June. Criteria to be decided and emailed for approval. MMc

Possibilities for sponsorship for other value based awards were discussed as follows:

Fairness from Catherine Street Inclusive Play Park – J.Dillon to approach

Respect from Saints Rugby Club – M.McEwen to approach

Responsibility from an Employer – J. Gordon to approach Boots or Smiths

Ambition from Headteacher – J.Dillon

PC Meeting Dates

It was agreed that PC meetings would remain at 5 per year plus an AGM. Four meetings would be standard and take place termly. The January meeting would be focussed on the Burns Supper as the main fundraising event held by the PC.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Dates of Future Meetings and Events:

Wednesday 17th September 2025 @ 6pm	Parent Council AGM
Wednesday 12th November 2025 @ 6pm	Parent Council
Wednesday 7th January 2026 @ 6pm	Burns Supper Planning
Friday 13th February @ 6pm	Burns Supper
Wednesday 4th March 2026 @ 6pm	Parent Council
Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 6pm	Parent Council
TBC	Employability Event

Appendix 1 – Treasurers Report

**Dumfries Academy Parent Council meeting
21/05/2025**

As of 15/05/2025 there was **£2230.64 in PC account (£0 in PC Paypal account)**
Of which **£205.40** ringfenced education allowance – paid on 30/01/2025, for 2023-2024.

Lottery – closed at the end of January but still getting payments as donation:

March £24

April - £24

May - £16 up until 15/05

Outstanding expenditures: £50

£50 prizes to Jennifer Kwik (no contact details, still paying)

Burns Night:

Event made a profit of **£457.40**.

(Refreshments profit: £55.47 ; Raffle: £92)

Note that we had a grant of £500 for the event, otherwise would have run at a loss.

Raffle (airfryer) -14/02/2025

PC bought the prize (£134.99), Home ec department made a profit of £344 incl. £185 for raffle, and the rest from bake sale.

Employability event 13/03/2025

Awarded a grant of £582.15, expenses to date £30.50

We bought a Sum up machine which should make fundraising easier in the future.