



Kingcase Family Partnership

Meeting 12/03/2026 6.00pm

In attendance: Ryan Delaney, Jennifer McClure Gordon Ghee, Lindsey Hopper, Beverliann King, Emma Jamieson, Councillor Hugh Hunter, Karin Bounford, Gael Neil, Marie Gobert, Leica Malkin.

Apologies: Karin noted apologies from Sofie, Lucy and Katie.

Welcome and Introductions:

Gordon Ghee – Chair, opened the meeting and suggested introductions were made for the benefit of new acting secretary Leica Malkin, and thanked her for agreeing to take up the role.

Minutes of last meeting:

It was confirmed that as the group had not had an acting secretary since Marie stepped down after commencing maternity leave that no written minutes of recent meetings were present to be proposed or seconded.

Matters Arising:

No matters arising that will not be covered within the scheduled agenda.

Correspondence:

No physical mail received since last meeting and Treasurer Gael advised had been checking KFP mail, and with exception of recent let request for summer fayre no additional outstanding matters. Gael confirmed awaiting an email regarding the projector from Helen which can be followed up as has likely been busy with financial matters given the proximity to the end of the financial year.

Treasurers Report:

No fundraising activities since last report, outgoings include licence fees and a few invoices for charges and one to Fabulous Fraser for the EYC with current bank balance sitting at £7029.07.

Headteacher's Report:

Mr Delaney delivered the Headteacher's report as follows:



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 Head Teacher's Report
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<p>Staffing:</p>	<p>Mrs Wilson (P6a) is absent as a result of recent surgery. Her shoulder replacement operation went well, and she is now recovering. Miss Sanderson will cover P6a in her absence. We also remain two school assistants less due to absence. We realise that this has had some impact on our service delivery with some interventions having to be delayed. My thanks to the team at Kingcase who continue to do an amazing job to cover gaps.</p>
<p>Summer Show</p>	<p>Rehearsals for the summer show are well underway. Miss Glass and Miss Morrison are giving up significant amounts of their own time to write and produce our show. This is a great way for children to show-case their talents and to have fun with friends. We hope you enjoy it.</p>
<p>Quiz Season</p>	<p>Kingcase won the Prestwick Rotary quiz last month. This means we will now go to the next stage which is likely to be in Glasgow in May. Our Euro Quiz team has now been chosen, and they will compete on Tuesday 24th March at Ayr Town Hall. Good Luck!</p>
<p>Sporting Events:</p>	<p>-Both boys and girls are doing very well this year with many victories. -We have taken part in many sporting events recently and more planned. For example: -Athletic events. -Tennis and Badminton events -Dance -Swimming Miss Melville and Mrs McBride are both looking to set up a hockey team. We look to invite to Wellington to some games. We are currently going through our re-accreditation for our School Sports Award.</p>
<p>Curriculum Improvement Cycle (National)</p>	<p>The Scottish School curriculum is about to change. The CIC (Curriculum Improvement Cycle) is underway and by August 2028 this will formally be in place in Scottish schools. As such, we are keen to now begin to identify with staff and children key areas of the current curriculum which we feel now need further exploration. Our own self-evaluation highlights a need to refocus staff training around creativity and in particular discreetly taught skills in music and art.</p>
<p>Self-Evaluation</p>	<p>Creativity in the Curriculum. We are currently planning for session 2026/2027 and working with all stakeholders to identify key priority areas. We are aware that for the past few years our focus has been centred strongly around Literacy and Numeracy and 'raising attainment'. This will remain a key driver for us at Kingcase. However, it</p>
<p>Pupil Support Update Mrs McClure</p>	<p>-Parent Conference plan. 26th March. Mrs McClure sent an email with information on how to book a place on 12/3/2026.</p>

Mr Delaney suggested that we should consider doing more self-evaluation as a group because parent councils can offer additional insight. Scotland is about to go through a national curriculum change called CIC - Curriculum Improvement Cycle as the Curriculum for Excellence which was brought in perhaps 15 years ago. The OECD are saying Scotland are lagging behind the rest of OECD nations and we need to catch up and focus on a revamped curriculum. So that work is well underway at Education Scotland Government level, and whilst it won't filter down to us officially until August 2028, when it needs to be fully implemented, work is underway just now at both school and local authority level. The new curriculum is going to be known as a concept curriculum. which is about developing knowledge and skills through concepts. But exactly how that looks, we don't really know at this time. We do know it's about making children leaders of their learning and giving teachers quality time with small groups and individuals for direct knowledge teaching.

It was recognised as a school we do need to do a lot more around creativity, such as teaching of music and art skills. More discussion will take place around creativity in the curriculum and Mr Delaney requested an in-formal dialogue and feedback on what creativity means to us as parents, which will help other parents understand what we're doing and the aims around this.

Mrs McClure indicated that an email went out 12/3/26 regarding the Parent Conference and the reasoning around this is that many of the emails, phone calls and meetings she has with parents often have similar themes which have highlighted anxieties at home, children struggling with routines at home whether it's morning or evening routines and this was to give the partner agencies the school works with to come in and do some sessions for parents. The format will be everyone in the hall as a welcome, with an introduction on why it is being delivered and then parents will have a chance to go to 3 workshops of around 20 minutes supported by the Autism Outreach team, who provide guidance with regulating children after school and helping children stay calm to get through an evening. The Educational Psychologist is delivering a session on managing anxieties and worries. Holly McBlane is supporting literacy and reading and writing at home, and speech and language therapy are going to do a bit about screen awareness and healthy habits at home and supporting children using visuals and lists etc. It is hoped that people will sign up and find it helpful and useful.

SAMH will also be in the week before to work with P6 parents.

Both sessions are intended to support and empower parents to support their child at home so that children can be ready to do their work and learning at school.

Gordon gave thanks to Mr Delaney, Mrs McClure and all the teaching staff for their hard work and particularly wanted to recognise the additional support and events organised for the benefit of parents and carers especially given how busy it is at this time of year.

SAC Chairperson's meeting Report

Gordon indicated there hadn't been any recent communication from the Chairs and both he and Katie have attended meetings over the past year, but the concerns raised had mostly been in Troon and were relating to dog fouling around the school and playground areas which wasn't applicable to Kingcase.

Matters Arising:

Gordon indicated that there had been multiple issues around the school regarding parking and unsafe practices which were putting children at risk. Mr Delaney added that the school had emailed all parents, but it still hadn't been resolved.

It is apparent that Ayrshire Roads Alliance are being inundated with calls from other schools having similar issues. Every two years, someone from ARA comes to do a health and safety, and fire inspection and this recently took place. They meet with the HT and then the janitor for a walk around and they look at all of his paperwork, which was all positive. But Matt raised concerns with him about parking and the neighbouring roads because Matt is regularly having to phone either the Police or Ayrshire Roads Alliance to see what they can do. Historically ARA would come out and do a random visit, for instance on a Tuesday morning to promote the importance of safe parking etc but they are no longer offering that because they're saying they're being saturated with calls from lots of schools about this kind of issue.

Kingcase staff reiterated they do not want to create barriers for parents coming to school in the morning but were open to ideas that could be taken up by the parent council. Conversations surrounding closing or restricting roads to reduce the flow of traffic akin to post-Covid recovery measures has come up for discussion previously. It was agreed that there's nothing off the table in terms of discussions and that wider consultation with parents may be needed, but it is clear that it is a growing issue and frustrating that the Police and ARA cannot help us, so we need to consider alternative solutions. Matt sees improvements for a few days and then people fall back into usual habits. A recent incident occurred where a car mounted a pavement to park and nearly hit a young girl walking with her mum holding on to the pram of her younger sibling. Regularly cars park on the double yellow lines at the start of Nursery Avenue and restrict visibility for children and parents crossing the road which causes additional risk of accident.

The members present agreed to consider solutions to this issue which would include KFP writing to ARA and potentially procuring Traffic cones with the Kingcase Logo to be placed at drop off and pick up times in areas causing particular risk to remind drivers to be mindful of where they stop or park. Cones will be versatile and can be used at a variety of events at the school, and we will look at whether SAC can provide these or if they will need to be purchased.

Events Team Report:

Karin confirmed the events team have three things planned for fundraising, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fayre on the 30th of May and the school summer disco. For the Easter egg hunt, there will be eggs decorated featuring a different letter and these will be placed in various businesses throughout Prestwick. Pupils will pay £5 for a sheet as an entry fee per family and collate the letters to spell an Easter themed word. Karin asked how it would work best to collect the money so as not to put pressure on office staff and that perhaps having a stand in the playground a few days a week over the next two weeks selling the sheets, which could be paid for in cash or by card using the card machine would work best. Mr Delaney and Mrs McClure agreed this was likely the best option and would advertise this in the next SWAY newsletter once dates are confirmed.

The Bouncy Castle and Coffee Cart are booked for the Summer Fayre, and the let is in for 2 Janitors. The pony worked well last year, and the team are looking to have the pony feature again. Mrs McClure confirmed the risk assessments from last year are still valid and can be used.

The P7's would normally be asked to lead games stalls, but Mr Delaney advised that P7's have a jam-packed schedule this term and whilst any pupils could volunteer to help out if they wanted to, this shouldn't be a class obligation to avoid extra pressure on teachers. The Events team would also ask if any staff would like to volunteer on the day to put names forward as this makes a big difference in supporting members of the KFP.

The Hoppers signs will be used again this year and is a great way to advertise the Summer Fayre.

School summer disco is scheduled 17th June and Katie has confirmed Rory the DJ is booked. Karin will confirm with Gillian that we need a let for this date. The first session will be 6-7pm for P1 to P3 and 7.15 – 8.15 for P4-P7.

AOCB:

It was queried if KFP needed to purchase new bookbags and how stocks were looking. Mrs McClure reminded the group that the Badge had changed, and we will likely need to update this as a logo. Marie advised Jill previously arranged this and will look at the supplier and cost. This led to a discussion around school uniform suppliers and Mr Delaney reminded the group that there will be amendments to the school uniform from next year and that the recent email that had gone out had promoted additional questions about grey jumpers and cardigans, so he will put further clarification out in this week's SWAY.

Gordon invited Councillor Hunter to speak should he wish to add any further comment from the Council's perspective. Cllr Hunter advised that all the school inspection reports that have been coming out have been first class. It was also noted that a £5m fund to support ASN in schools had been announced in Westminster and feels that Scotland should receive a share distributed to the local authorities to support ASN in schools and asked about the pressures faced by schools given the national average of school pupils with ASN was 58%. Mrs McClure indicated Kingcase were sitting a bit below the national average at 37% of the school population, and as a school are very open to discussing strategies and approaches around ASN and recognised that the Local Authority are very good at training and upskilling teaching and support staff.

The Cluster were given a pot of money to use which had to be spent by March and could not be paid forward, so this has been used on resources identified. Standing Desks are still on the wish list for next year.

Projector in the hall has a temporary solution and will likely be invoiced in May once everything is resolved.

The Springboard that the house captains have requested was authorised and will be invoiced to KFP.

Marie indicated that all events should be minuted and recorded for insurance purposes and Leica asked Karin if the events team could collate a list of planned events for records.

Mrs Delaney also noted that the school had received a £100 donation from the Christmas Lights Switch on and thanked Cllr Hunter for bringing that earlier today.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 14th May 2026 at 6.00pm