

Struthers Primary School



Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 1st October 2025 6pm

Present: Craig Dalziel (Clerk), Jonathan Harrold (Joint Chairperson) Stephanie Ritchie, Lynda Wilson, Nicola Boyd, David Kellock and Laura Clark (HT)

Apologies: Gillian Garven, Gillian Baillie, David Nelson (Joint Chairperson).

1. Welcome and Introduction

Jonathan welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. School Updates

Laura gave updates on a range of issues as follows:

- The EYC is now standalone from the school and has its own manager and office staff. There are 110 pupils in EYC.
- Current school roll is 335 down from 338 last year.
- 2 Principal Teacher's continue to be funded through PEF (Pupil Equity Funding). The amount of PEF money a school receives is dependent on the number of pupils receiving free school meals and the clothing grant.
- The school is due to be reassessed for the Rights Respecting School award on 21st October.
- New newsletter form issued to all parents every Friday.
- A new gate is being installed at the side of the school where the bike shelters are, this is hopefully going to be completed over the October break.
- Laura passed round copies of the Standards and Quality report - this document is linked to the School Improvement Plan. Laura went through the document in detail which covers a range of issues. Attendance at Struthers was shown to be higher than the South Ayrshire average. The current Primary 4 have been most affected by the lockdowns during the pandemic and this is consistent across all schools in the authority. One change in the document is with regard to Health and Wellbeing, where the Health and Wellbeing Wheel has been replaced by RISE - Resilience measuring mechanism, children are surveyed on a range of questions related to their health and wellbeing.

3. Fundraising Update

A brief update on fundraising was provided as follows:

A date has still to be agreed for the Xmas Fayre and parent helpers are needed, parents can choose which stall they would like to help at. The group have purchased dairy free selection boxes and dairy free lollipops for pupils.

Upcoming events in addition to the Fayre include a K Pop Demon Hunters singalong, further communication will be sent out on this soon.

Finances - £8000 raised by the group over past year and £8000 spent, the most expensive outlay was for the pantomime trip.

4.AOB

- It was agreed that an invite will be extended to all 4 elected members for the Troon ward for the November meeting.
- A discussion took place with regard to the constitution of the PC. Craig advised that it needs to be updated as not been amended for some time. Craig will try and dig out a copy to send to school and office bearers as it cannot be found in the school at present.
- Going forward the office staff will try to place the minutes of the previous meetings on the school website as this has not occurred since the new website was brought in. Office staff will issue minutes of meetings and agendas to all parents at least 1 week before the next meeting.
- Building work at the back of the school is progressing. Laura showed those present a time capsule which will be buried with the new construction, pupils are to be involved in deciding what items/information will go in the capsule.
- A query had been raised by a parent about the new legislation which required Parent Helpers in School to be PVG checked by Disclosure Scotland. It has been advised that this is only applicable if a parent is supervising a group of children on their own. School will pay for the PVG through the LA if it's required.

5. Date of Next Meeting – Wed 28th November 2025 6pm

