

Stow Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Present: Jess Day, Niome Lucjan, Victoria Stirling, Magda Robertson, Kat Custard, Julie Wood, Sarah Cornes, Victoria Cassidy, Tracey Stewart, Fiona Playfair, Laura Thompson, Hannah Millar & Kimberly O'May.

Apologies: None

	Actions	Responsibility
Welcome		
JD welcomes all to the meeting and reviews the purpose of the parent council and the structure of meetings. MR gives an overview of the different pupil roles within the school.		
Review of previous minutes		
No issues raised. NL proposes previous minutes are agreed, seconded by KC. Previous minutes agreed.		
Head Teacher update – Magda Robertson		
Staffing update - New Early years practitioner appointed just before the summer (Hannah). Mrs Loudon joined as P4/5/6 class teacher. This is a permanent appointment. Pupil support assistant – staffing over week covered by a number of staff members with very good cover. MR is in the process of updating school critical rational. This is led by the pupils' requests. Parents' evening has had to be rescheduled to late November due to teacher availability. One open morning has already been held, which was well attended.		

First family learning session will be held tomorrow (17Sep26). This is a response to feedback from previous surveys. Attainment last year was around 80% overall with over 90% if not including those children with additional needs. Assessments for P1s, P4s and P7s all went well. The pupil council is requesting the parent council's support for grow £5. Pupils also pointed out that the wooden equipment outside is rotting and the children have decided to do a Halloween costume sponsored run to raise funds to remove the rotten wooden equipment. They are also keen to have a Christmas disco. MR proposes that this should be on the last day of term (22nd Dec) when staff are still present which removes the need to get PVG for parent helpers. School role dropping from next week. 10 pupils lost during the summer. With further pupils leaving due to composite nature of classes. Role will now be 61 in primary school. MR highlights that it is possible that the role will drop further in future, particularly as the P6 class is 20 and when they leave it may mean only 2 classes. General discussion around composite classes and the challenges these present particularly in the current P1-3 class. JD has requested a freedom of information request to compare ratios of staff to pupils between Heriot and Stow and notes that the ratio in Stow is much less than in Heriot. This was undertaken by JD as an individual rather than as in her position on the parent council. She proposes to take this information to the local MSP/MP to see what they recommend and if they can help and support. General feeling of dissatisfaction within the group present with the current p1-3 arrangement, particularly in P3. The concern is that further P3 pupils may leave. General discussion around this area. MR states that staff recruitment is out of her hands. MR has already contacted the	JD to feedback after talking to MP.	JD
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quality improvement manager to advise that pupils are leaving this class. She was told that it is the right of the pupils' to leave if they are not happy. MR will speak to Mrs Waddell to try to find a solution and invites parents to email her with individual concerns. Question if volunteer roles were available in school. One volunteer currently coming in to school to help with reading.		
Christmas fundraising		
Christmas card activity for pupils to create artwork for their own cards is underway again. PC usually raffle hampers as a fundraiser at Christmas play. The sum up machine made this process much easier last year. Planning this activity again this year. No date for Christmas play available yet. Question around Christmas craft activities as was done in previous years. School has already been thinking about evening sessions for parents to come in to create wreaths etc. as a member of staff has expertise in this in this area. Station house as a venue?	NL to explore options KC to investigate this	NL KC
Play equipment update		
This was discussed as part of the AGM preceding this meeting. Currently waiting for the 2nd part of funding to be released and then equipment to be ordered and installed. The funding also covers 3 years of inspections. Next project following this will be to develop the outdoor learning area.		
P7 leavers 2027		
VS asks if P7 leavers will receive funding for activities this year. NL advises that leavers this year will receive £150.		

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