

Minutes

Uddingston Grammar – Parent Council

Wednesday 26th August 6-7.30pm

Attendance Online

- *Clare El Azebbi (CEA) - Chair*
- *Kirsteen Goodman (KG)*
- *Emma Stewart (ES)*
- *Anna Krajcikova (AK)*
- *Kenny McCreary (Councillor) (KMcC)*

Attendance In Person

- *Louise McWilliams (LMc)*
- *Laura Langford (LL)*
- *Efric McNeill (EMcN)*
- *Charlene Barclay (CB)*
- *John McKay (JMc) - HT*

Action	Owner	Deadline/Notes
Follow up with Gavin regarding entrepreneur contacts for work experience opportunities, including potential links with Scott Purden and Bothwell Futures.	JMc	Ongoing
Explore opportunities to support S6 pupils with work placements and careers-related experiences using new employer links.	JMc	Ongoing
Develop a Google Survey to identify parents willing to support careers discussions or provide work experience contacts. CEA will liaise with LMc to arrange a further discussion on careers and work experience opportunities	Parent Council / School	To be agreed
Consider introducing the T-Plan process during the latter part of S5 to support university and post-school decision-making.	School Leadership Team	For future planning
Progress Social media accounts with Mrs O'Neil and Mr Farrell DHTs about coordinating these accounts for the school. They will link in with Charlene.	CB	Next week onwards
Invite Audrey McDermott to attend the Parent Council meeting on 21 st October to discuss Support for Learning.	JMc	21 October 2026
Submit any questions for Audrey McDermott in advance of the meeting.	Parent Council Members	Before 21 October 2026
Confirm dates for the two additional 2026/27 INSET days once announced. PC will be rearranged if required	School	Awaiting confirmation
Continue discussions regarding a potential overseas trip for S1 and S2 pupils.	School / Parent Council	No decision yet
Explore setting up the Teams meeting from an account that has meeting recording and transcription enabled, allowing AI-generated meeting notes/minutes to be used. The current school account does not appear to support this functionality.	JMcK	To be investigated before the next meeting.

PC interested in hearing more about the twinning opportunity. KMcC to provide more information at next meeting	Councillor KMcC	KMcC to provide update at next meeting
Parent Council to draft a letter to the relevant Cabinet Secretary regarding teacher shortages, recruitment challenges and opportunities to promote teaching as a career.	Parent Council	By next meeting

Notes on Head Teacher's Report

(Please refer to the full Head Teacher's Report for detailed information. The following additional points were raised during discussion.)

Staffing Update

- At the end of the previous term, the school had a full complement of staff.
- However, over the summer, two members of staff decided not to return, resulting in two current vacancies.
- Interviews are scheduled for next week.
- The ongoing challenge of staffing continues, reflecting the wider shortage of teachers across the local area.
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Discussion on Examination Results and Teacher Recruitment

- Kenny McCreary (KMcC) highlighted the school's excellent examination results and asked whether these achievements could be promoted more effectively to help attract prospective teachers.
- A discussion followed regarding opportunities to raise the profile of the school's successes and increase interest in teaching vacancies.
- The Parent Council agreed that the issue of teacher shortages should be raised more widely and proposed considering correspondence with the Scottish Government. This could include highlighting:
 - The ongoing challenges in recruiting teachers.
 - The need to promote teaching as a career.
 - Potential approaches to attracting more people into the profession.
- It was agreed that a letter could be drafted and issued on behalf of the Parent Council to the relevant Cabinet Secretary outlining these concerns – added to actions table.

Action: Parent Council to draft a letter to the relevant Cabinet Secretary regarding teacher shortages, recruitment challenges and opportunities to promote teaching as a career.

Next meeting: