



**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 8th December 2025 at 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School
Present:

Date Issued: 9th January 2026

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Dr Chinyendu Okoronkwo (CO)	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member		
Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member		
Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member		
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member		
Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member		
Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member		
Yvonne Wilson (YW)	Parent Member		
Fin O'Sullivan (FO)	Parent Member		
		ABSENT	
Lisa Chalmers (HT) (LC)	Head Teacher		
Debbie Martin (DHT) (DM)	Deputy Head Teacher	Catriona Summers	Parent Member
		Victoria Hepburn (VH)	Parent Member
		Elaine Lappin (EL)	Parent Member

1. Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. SG advised of apologies received.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last PC Meeting held 3rd November 2025 were approved.

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC is advertising for a Computing teacher with immediate start and has at the moment made changes to provide cover as much as possible within the school. This includes increasing the teaching commitment of the Depute Headteacher so classes have a subject specialist.

An Art specialist has finally been appointed for a maternity leave, although another maternity leave absence is arising in February.

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A maths teacher has been appointed to cover a maternity leave starting in January.

LC is now working on the staffing for session 2026/27 which is a complex task and can change drastically depending on pupil options.

SQA Attainment 2025 Diet – Mrs Martin

DM delivered a presentation on the 2025 exam diet Attainment. Copies of the presentation slides are attached. DM provided the following notes:

Literacy – focus has been on level 5. Last session there was a 10% increase in achievement, significantly outperforming the virtual comparator ('VC'). Now working on Level 6 Literacy.

Numeracy – performing below VC. Department has been set a target for achievement of Level 5 Numeracy in S4. Pilot is being started to support and give additional time to specific young people in the hope they will achieve Level 5 Numeracy.

Key measures – positive picture for S4 in SCQF framework. Further work needs to be done on quality of passes. S5 Level 6 passes were lower, particularly 3 qualifications at Level 6. Targeting this group this session for mentoring and additional support.

Total tariff points, positives in the number of points that young people get – national qualifications, however we need to improve the quality of passes.

Interventions – Achieve package. Pupils can access this free of charge - all they need is a code. Teaching/revision resources; supported study across all subject areas; SQA event for parents/carers; mentor groups; study planners; revision resources; promoting esgoil website for twilight study sessions.

Assessment blocks - timing of progress evening and feedback to provide meaningful actions/targets. Framework for intervention has been launched across every class and covered during assemblies.

Live n Learn – target groups from S4/5 and a parental session.

Targets submitted to local authority.

3. Calendar Dates

15th December - Christmas Concert
16th December - P6&7: I'm a Celebrity
17th December - P5&6: S1/2 Christmas Party
18th December - S1/2 Panto
19th December - School closes 2.30pm
Return to school - 6th January 2026
8th January - YPI Launch
WB 12th January - Senior Phase Tracking 3 will be uploaded
12th January - Parent Council meeting

4. AOCB

JC thanked all members of the PC who had contributed raffle and tombola prizes and also their time on the evening of the PTA Christmas Fayre.

5. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

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