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**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

Subject: Parent Council Meeting

Date: 9th February 2026 at 7.00pm

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 6th March 2026

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member
Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member	Suzanne Baxter (SB)	Parent Member
Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member		
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member		
Archie Speirs (AS)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member		
Yvonne Wilson (YW)	Parent Member		
Fin O'Sullivan (FO)	Parent Member		
Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member		
		ABSENT	
Lisa Chalmers (HT) (LC)	Head Teacher	Dr Chinyendu Okoronkwo (CO)	Parent Member
Zaynah Ibrahim	Student Leader	Victoria Hepburn (VH)	Parent Member
Jack Ferguson	Student Leader		
Emma Gelston	Student Leader		

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 on 8th December 2025 were approved (meeting scheduled for January was cancelled).

3. Head Teacher's report

Staffing

LC has managed to secure a Computing teacher on a temporary basis and hopes to have them start in the next week. A temporary Art teacher has been appointed to cover Ms Jamieson's maternity leave. There will be a couple of weeks' classes which will go out to cover while recruitment checks and notice periods are completed. LC advised that Mrs Donnachie has secured a promotion to Faculty Head of Social Subjects in St Columba's in Gourrock which is a well-deserved step up although she will be missed by all in GHS. Recruitment for a

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replacement starts now, however the timing isn't good and will have an impact on certificated classes. LC assured the PC that the department will do all they can to minimise disruption and provide continuity.

All other recruitment for session 2026-27 is expected to start in the next few weeks and signals a busy time to secure the best staff for the young people of Gleniffer HS.

Attendance

LC recently had a meeting with a concerned parent who believes she is not doing enough to promote attendance at the end of term. LC explained why this is a real challenge and something historical and widespread across schools. LC advises that the school calendar is planned to have activities running through to almost the last day to encourage attendance. Staff are instructed to ensure work is appropriate and continues through to the end of term. This becomes increasingly challenging when pupils are given permission at home to stay off on the last day or indeed the last couple of days. LC advised that the comments while challenging have been accepted and she will continue to revisit this along with the other staff to promote attendance. LC emphasised though that parental support would be appreciated and is essential to improve attendance levels on the last days of term.

Careers fayre

Miss MacDonald and Mrs Donnachie organised a well-planned careers fayre for young people in S4-6. Representatives from Police Scotland, the Royal Navy, Digital Tech companies and Renfrewshire Council apprenticeship scheme to name a few as well as colleges and universities provided support and advice to pupils. It was suggested by the PC that perhaps the fayre attendance could be extended to include S3s.

Music input

A vocal group from Gleniffer HS recently performed at the Joint Head Teacher meeting. LC explained that this is a big event with around 200 people attending. The performance was excellent and many Head Teachers from other schools spoke to LC or contacted her after the event to express how amazing the young people were.

RMPS trip

Mr McKinlay and Mrs Stewart organised a wonderful trip to Rome for pupils which took place in the last week in January. Despite some short-term illness while there amongst the group, they had a wonderful time.

Litter Picking

Following a recent litter pick with Student Council, LC plans to try and do one a week with groups of volunteer pupils over the next few weeks as she was quite dismayed by the level of litter in Durrockstock Park which young people from the school are certainly (albeit not solely) contributing to.

Calendar Dates

19th Feb - Assessment Block 3 begins for S4-6.
5th March - S3 Progress Evening & Study Skills sessions
9th and 16th March - S3 Study Skills input with Headteacher
17th March - Live n Learn S3 input
1st April - S6 Graduation
2nd April - S6 Last Day

4. Student Leaders

The SnowBall was a great success and £1,170 was made with a profit of around £450. LC commended the Student Leaders on an excellent night. The social media promotional videos on social media appear to have boosted ticket sales for the event as well.

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There will be an own clothes day for £1 cash donation and a tuckshop on Thurs/Friday as well.

There has been a visit to Dalmeney Park Hotel to plan out the Prom which is being held on 10th June. They have raised £1,400 towards the Prom so far and hope to hit the £3k mark.

5. AOCB

LC advised that there are plans afoot to reintroduce a BGE Prizegiving for S1-S3 in June 2026 to include extra-curricular and in-school achievements including attendance. The S3 assessments to be held at the end of April will assist in ascertaining which students are achieving.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th March 2026 at 7pm before the meeting was closed.

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