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**Gleniffer High School  
Parent Council**

**Subject:** Parent Council Meeting

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.00pm

**Minutes taken by:** Susan Gray

**Venue:** Gleniffer High School

**Date Issued:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present:**

| PRESENT              |                     | APOLOGIES               |                    |
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| Julie Connell (JC)   | Chairperson         | Suzanne Baxter (SB)     | Parent Member      |
| Susan Gray (SG)      | Secretary           | Lisa Watt (LW)          | Parent Member      |
| Jenni Harrison (JH)  | Parent Member       | Tracey Hawes (TH)       | Parent Member      |
| Nicola West (NW)     | Parent Member       | Vicky Colquhoun (VC)    | PTA Representative |
| Katrina Gelston (KG) | Parent Member       | Emma Moore (EM)         | Parent Member      |
| Archie Speirs (AS)   | Parent Member       | Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM) | Parent Member      |
|                      |                     | Julie McCulloch (JM)    | Parent Member      |
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| Lisa Chalmers (HT)   | Head Teacher        |                         |                    |
| Debbie Martin (DHT)  | Depute Head Teacher |                         |                    |
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|                      |                     | ABSENT                  |                    |
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|                      |                     | Danielle Toogood (DT)   | Parent Member      |
|                      |                     | Stuart Galbraith (StG)  | Parent Member      |
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### 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved.

### 3. Head Teacher's report

#### Staffing

LC advised that Mr Ramsay retired at the Easter holidays and, very late on, she also found out Mr Downie was retiring at the same time. LC and the PC wish them a happy and healthy retirement.

LC is in the process of finalising staffing now that progress has been made with the timetable. Interviews for Teacher of Physics and Principal Teacher of English will take place in May. Temporary adverts for short term posts and maternity cover will soon be advertised.

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Mrs Pless will be going on maternity leave in August. Expressions of Interest for this temporary position will be received by the end of this week. LC advised she is looking for a member of the PC to help out with interviews for this post and will confirm a date for this as soon as able.

Mrs Denny's role as PT Enhanced GIRFEC comes to an end on 18<sup>th</sup> May and LC advising that Mrs Denny will return to her role as PT Pastoral for Glen house. Similarly, Mrs Williams will return to her role as PT Inclusion.

LC expressed her thanks to both members of staff as well as Mr Shand and Mrs MacDougall who have backfilled these posts on a temporary basis.

Dr Davis' role as Acting PT Employability comes to an end on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and LC extended her thanks to Dr Davis for her role in raising the profile of Developing the Young Workforce in Gleniffer HS.

### Police Scotland Officer

For some time, there has been discussion around the benefits of partnership working between agencies. LC was delighted to report that this has taken a step forward recently as Renfrewshire Council presented a paper to board around a pilot project of appointing a Police Scotland Officer to work between Gleniffer HS and St Andrew's Academy. This has been approved and will lead to the secondment of an officer to work as part of the Pupil Support structure in school. Previous experience of this role has been very positive with officers bringing another dimension and experience to daily school life. LC advised that the final arrangements have not yet been made around recruitment or remit and this will come in due course.

### School Improvement Planning and Pupil Equity Funding

LC advising that at this time of the session, she begins planning the school priorities for next session. LC intends to bring draft plans to the PC meeting in June albeit that is quite late on. LC gave a brief presentation on progress that has made this session with school priorities.

### Presentation on new assessment model (proposed)

DHT Debbie Martin gave a presentation to the PC explaining the plans for the new assessment model. DM explained the rationale behind the proposed change and set out the strengths of a model of continuous assessment and when the proposed assessment blocks would take place.

## **4. AOCB**

- LC advising that there will be a move to school reports being issued via ParentsPortal.
- JC appealed for raffle prize donations on behalf of the PTA for the Summer Raffle to be drawn at the GHS show.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 before the meeting was closed.

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