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Gleniffer High School Parent Council AGM

Subject: Parent Council Meeting (First Short Meeting of Session 2025-26)

Date: 7th September 2026 immediately following AGM.

Minutes taken by: Susan Gray

Venue: Gleniffer High School

Date Issued: 3 October 2026

Present:

PRESENT		APOLOGIES	
Julie Connell (JC)	Chairperson	Nicola West (NW)	Parent Member
Susan Gray (SG)	Secretary	Rona McDowell (RM)	Parent Member
Lisa Watt (LW)	Parent Member	Zeeshan Rasheed Butt (ZRB)	Parent Member
Rosslyn Anderson (RA)	Parent Member	Lyndsay McLaughlin (LM)	Parent Member
Julie McCulloch (JM)	Parent Member		
Yvonne Wilson (YW)	Parent Member		
Jenni Harrison (JH)	Parent Member		
Tracey Hawes (TH)	Parent Member		
Katrina Gelston (KG)	Parent Member		
Colette Kerr (CK)	Parent Member		
Elaine Allan (EA)	Parent Member		
		ABSENT	
		Tariq Saeed Tara	Parent Member
		Rachel Patrick/Josh Magennis	Parent Member
Lisa Chalmers (HT)	Head Teacher		
Debbie Martin (DM)	Deputy Head Teacher	Chinyendu J Okoronkwo (CO)	Non-voting Parent Member
		Fin O'Sullivan (FO)	Non-voting Parent Member
		Archie Speirs (AS)	Non-voting Parent Member
		Frances Burns (FB)	Non-voting Parent Member
		Toroabasi Umoidem	Non-voting Parent Member

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Minutes

Not applicable – Minutes of last PC Meeting on 1st June 2026 were approved during the preceding AGM.

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3. Headteacher's Report

Staffing

LC advised that unfortunately, the two maths candidates appointed on a temporary basis prior to summer withdrew, leaving no maternity cover and maths being very tight in staffing. A part-time permanent member of staff has now been appointed and LC hopes to have her started before the September weekend.

There have been no suitable applicants for the Principal Teacher of Health and Food Technology post and this remains unfilled. At the moment, another member of the middle leadership team is supporting the management of the department, however LC needs to find a long-term solution. In the meantime, LC will be advertising for a temporary teacher of Health and Food Technology to ensure coverage within the department.

There is currently an advert out for a temporary teacher of computing to cover a maternity leave starting in November.

LC advised that a review of the management structures in secondary schools by the Local Authority is underway. Any changes to posts are expected to be implemented in August 2027.

Attainment

DM presented attainment data from 2026 examinations diet. DM explained the priorities for the 2025-26 session had been to improve the quality of passes and implement a new model of assessment, dispensing with the traditional prelim model with view to establishing at an earlier stage where students needed more support with their learning. DM advised that there had been excellent improvements made and this year will follow the same model with the Assessment Blocks being held in October, December and February. A copy of the presentation is attached.

LC advised that attendance statistics show 87.3% attendance, maintained from last year and above authority average of 86.8%. Unfortunately, the last term had a significant impact on attendance despite best efforts with parental holidays and interrupted weeks of in-service days and bank holidays leading to higher than expected levels of absence. LC gave thanks to the PTA for the student raffle on the last day of term which was enjoyed by the pupils who were grateful for the gifts.

LC advised GHS exclusions sit at 27.6 per 1000 pupils being below the local authority average of 31.8 per 1000 pupils and significantly below previous years – in fact this is the lowest level in the last 5 years.

Staff attending Future meetings

5th October – Steven Gould will attend to talk about the Curriculum Improvement Cycle.

2nd November – Lee Gray will attend and talk about improving attendance.

Calendar Events

10th September - Senior Phase Event

11th September - S4/5/6 Tracking deadline for staff

22nd September - UCAS Information day with Miss Cameron organising

25th & 28th September - Holidays

30th September - P7 Open Evening

2nd October - S3 Tracking deadline for staff

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4. AOCB

LC advised the new Student Leaders will attend the next meeting so they can introduce themselves.

JC thanked members again and closed the meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 5th October 2026 at 7pm.

Future meeting dates are:

2nd November 2026

11th January 2027

8th February 2027

8th March 2027

26th April 2027

7th June 2027