



St Andrew's Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 25th March 2026



1. Welcome

The (Acting) Head Teacher Mr Kevin Quinn welcomed parents and carers to the meeting and thanked everyone for their ongoing support in helping to make St Andrew's a positive and thriving school community.

In attendance:

Kevin Quinn (Head Teacher)	Sharon Wallace (Staff Representative)
Gemma McGowan (Chair)	Donna Miller
Angela Hargreaves	Chelle Cauldwell (Treasurer)

Apologies for absence:

Louise Dochery	Uju Nnakwe
David Akinola	Dorcas Akinola-David
Nyarai Makande	Rudolph Ngwenya
Ahamad Niazi	Omotoke Buluro
Stavroula Tsetoura	

2. Staffing

Discussion:

- Congratulations were extended to John McGhee on his appointment as Director of Education. He will focus on equity across all schools.
- Head Teacher interviews are scheduled to take place after the Easter holidays.
- Temporary leadership arrangements were confirmed:
 - Joe Rainey (PT Computing, All Saints) will act as Depute Head Teacher on a part-time basis until the senior phase.
 - Kev McBride (PT Physical Education) will act as Depute Head Teacher, covering Lucy Maughan during maternity leave.

- Wider staffing changes and placements are currently being finalised.
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3. School Building and Estate

Discussion:

- Upgrades are planned for several areas of the school, including:
 - Oratory
 - Bosco Room
 - Marcellin Room
 - Front Entrance
 - Crush Hall
 - Outdoor spaces
 - The school will be inspected by HMle 2026- 2027 Term of School.
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4. Qualification Scotland Diet of Exams

Discussion:

- Exams will take place between 22 April and 1 June.
 - The Magic Breakfast initiative will provide young people with a nutritious snack before exams.
 - S6 pupils are due to finish next week.
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5. Pupil Equality Fund

Discussion:

- Partnership programmes are being explored to:
 - Reduce costs for families

- Provide opportunities for young people to achieve qualifications out with school
- Planned capital spend includes upgrades to the Crush Hall, including new screens and a sound system.
- Parent Council members were invited to suggest improvements to support young people.
- Outdoor spaces are being reviewed to make them more welcoming and engaging.

Action Items:

- Parent Council members to submit suggestions for school improvements.
 - Continue development of partnership programmes. The Chair will invite Lisa Mooney to the next meeting to discuss partnership programmes and their benefits.
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6. AOB (Any Other Business)

Discussion:

- The DYW STEM Careers Fayre was a great success.
- A family trip to St Andrews is scheduled for 6 June 2026.
- The Chair will invite Lisa Mooney to the next meeting to discuss partnership programmes and their benefits.
- Members were asked to consider any additional items for discussion at the next meeting.

Action Items:

- Members to prepare items for next agenda.
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7. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 6pm 29th April 2026.

Parents are encouraged to attend and participate.

9. Important Dates

- Start of Easter Break 3rd April 2026
 - Return from Easter Break 20th April 2026
 - Start of Exam diet 22nd April 2026
 - End of Exam Diet 1st June 2026

 - Trip to St Andrews 6th June 2026
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10. Close

The Chair thanked all attendees for their contributions and ongoing support.

Contact: For questions or topics to raise at future meetings, please contact **Gemma McGowan** on gw10mcgowangemma@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk