



St Andrew's Parent Council



Minutes of Meeting – Thursday, 9th October 2025

1. Welcome

The Head Teacher Mr John McGhee 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:

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| • John McGhee (Head Teacher) | • Sharon Wallace (Staff Representative) |
| • Gemma McGowan | • Donna Miller |
| • David Akinola | • Dorcas Akinola-David |
| • Stavroula Tsetoura | • Rudolph Ngwenya |
| • Louise Docherty | • Uju Nnakwe |
| • Nyarai Makande | • Omotoke Buluro |
| • Ahamad Niazi | |

Apologies for absence:

- Angela Hargreaves
- Chell Cauldwell

The following appointments were confirmed:

- **Chair** – Gemma McGowan
 - **Treasurer** – Chell Cauldwell
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2. Role of the Parent Council

- The Council reaffirmed its role in fostering strong partnerships between parents, staff, and pupils.
- Focus areas include representing parents' voices, supporting children's learning and wellbeing, and promoting an inclusive school environment.
- Commitment to open communication, shared values, and active engagement was restated.

Action: Role statement to be included on school communications and website for wider awareness.

3. Celebrating Exam Success

- St Andrew's achieved its highest-ever exam results, surpassing many schools across Glasgow and surrounding areas.
- Pupils now have access to 14 Advanced Higher subjects.
- Recognition given to **Leslie Pratt**, Principal Teacher of Participation, Inclusion and Engagement, for her contribution.

4. Supporting STEM and Apprenticeships

- Parents expressed interest in apprenticeship pathways, particularly within STEM fields.
- Proposal to invite **Lisa Murphy** (Partnership Development Manager) and **Sarah-May Burrell** (STEM Co-ordinator) to a future meeting.

Action: Invitations to be arranged for an upcoming Parent Council meeting.

5. Mentoring Programme

- The school's mentoring programme, led by **Mairi Keane**, was highlighted as key to supporting pupils' academic and personal growth.

Action: Invite Mairi Keane to present on the programme at a future meeting.

6. Improving Communication

- Discussion around improving the sharing of the school calendar and events with parents.
- The Chair and Head Teacher are reviewing current methods to ensure more effective communication.

7. Tracking Reports for Senior Pupils (S4–S6)

- Tracking reports for senior pupils will be issued shortly.
- Suggestion made to provide digital copies for easier parental access.

Action: School leadership to review feasibility of digital report distribution.

8. Next Meeting

- The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 29 October 2025**.
 - Parents are encouraged to attend and participate.
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9. Important Dates

- **Flu Immunisations** – 3rd, 4th & 7th November 2025
 - **Culture Day** – 7th November 2025
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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