

Falkirk High School Parent Council Minutes
Monday 18th March 2025
Meeting held at FHS - 1900 hrs.

Agenda item	Detail	Action
(1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Stuart Kelly (Headteacher), Kelly Whittington (Depute Headteacher), Robert Menzies (Depute headteacher), Jen MacPherson, (Depute Headteacher), Rachel Attinasi (Depute Headteacher), Lily Stroud (Staff Rep), Tracy Mutter (Staff Rep), Fiona Shearer (Chair), Jacqui Pearson (Co Vice Chair), Erika Cooper (Co Vice Chair), Ruth McCall (Treasurer), Caillin Rosie, Christine Dougall, Karen Findlay, Rachel Walker. Apologies: Tammy Bell, Leona Hepburn (Staff Rep)	
(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting 20.01.25 and Matters Arising	- SK noted that since the last meeting, new planters have arrived for the school entrance with signage still to be installed. - A new Home economics teacher has been appointed and will start Monday. Two new staff have been appointed in Pupil Support and Amanda Gouther (English Teacher) is leaving to take up a promoted position in Grangemouth High School. - The Community Mental Health day originally planned for March has been postponed till 13th May to coincide with National Mental Health Week and will go ahead on the same basis as previously reported. There continues to be a migration of school social media use from Twitter to Bluesky.	
(3) Headteacher's 7 Minute Briefing	During the briefing the following points were highlighted: - Study Supports - Progressive Masculinity - Pupil Dashboard - SFL - Parent Portal - Pupil Successes - Engage with Employers	
(4) Parent Support With AI	TM presented a very interesting presentation on AI and its role in supporting the pupils and parents at school. She outlined a few very useful apps and sites for parents to use with their pupils for homework and exam revision. They included Perplexity, Study X and Gizmo.	
(5) Insight Feb 2025	RM reported on Insights Report 2025. This looks at how the school has performed across various categories of qualifications against our Virtual Comparator (which reflects a school like ours with similar demographic's and social backgrounds). The results showed a very good performance across the board.	
(6) School Leavers Destination Report	KW spoke in depth about our last School Leavers Destination Report which came out in February 2025. The success of this year's report is a result of hard work across school and with partner community groups to ensure pupils leave FHS with a positive destination planned. The target achieved across the Local Authority (LA) was 96.3%, with FHS achieving a score of 97.5%.	
(7) Office Bearer Positions	PC is looking for someone to do the role of Co-Chair with FS and Co Vice Chair with the departure of JP in the summer. Rachel Walker agreed to take on the Co Vice Chair Role alongside EC. There is still, however, a requirement for a Co-Chair as well as someone to take on the role of operating the 200 club with the departure of TB.	

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(8) AOCB	The subject of school lunches was raised as requested by many parents on social media. The Senior Management team have an outline of the issues here. A recent visit from the Scottish government to another school in the council area, brought up the need for a nutritional change to the lunches. They stated that pupils were no longer to be able to buy separate lunch items, replacing the choice with 'meal deals' which contained 2 portions of veg/salad (sometimes presented as a soup) and 1 piece of fruit. The changes were problematic for pupils and staff alike as the new options had to be explained daily and caused large queues in the dinner hall. The staff decided to split the diners into age groups to facilitate everyone being served as quickly as possible. Whilst the problem of queues has diminished, the uptake of school meals has also, with many pupils not keen on the new form the food has taken. The menus rotate every 3 weeks. School staff are looking for changes to be made again, whilst still ensuring the nutritional requirements are met. There is likely to be trials of new foods at school across the LA.	
(9) Date of Next Meeting	Date of Next Meeting- Monday, 19th May 2025	