

Falkirk High School Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Meeting held at FHS – 19:00

Agenda item	Detail
(1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Attendees: Stuart Kelly (HT), Clare McLaughlin (DHT), Rachel Attinasi (DHT), Fiona Shearer (Chair), Erika Cooper (Co Vice Chair), Leona Hepburn (Staff Rep/Parent), David Hock (Parent), Russell Smith (Parent), Kirstie Young (Teacher), Cathryn Millar (Parent) Apologies: Ruth McCall (Treasurer), Rachel Walker (Co Vice Chair) • Everyone was welcomed to the meeting
(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting 22.09.25 and Matters Arising	• The minutes from the previous meeting of 22nd September 2025 were approved. • Follow up sessions have been held for pupils who didn't attend the S2 FHS Goes Wild residential trip. • The Beauty Salon is going well and is looking to open to the public in future. • Proposals from Stuart Kelly for using Parent Council funds: £1800 to fund 50% of pantomime visit for S1s £300 to beauty room for equipment £1000 to 'Show Racism the Red Card' event £2000 to printing Values posters for all classrooms with QR codes to access various supports
(3) Headteacher's 7 Minute Briefing and (4) Staffing	During the briefing the following points were highlighted: 1 Culture Week – a week-long celebration of diversity featuring cultural dress, food, music, and activities to promote inclusion and understanding. 2 Interhouse 25/26 - interhouse competitions will include a variety of events such as quizzes, sports, and creative challenges to encourage teamwork and house spirit. These will take place during intervals, lunchtimes and after school, and are being run by House Captains. 3 Project Power - an initiative encouraging positive behaviour, resilience, and personal growth through collaborative fitness activities and workshops. FHS ran this with S3 girls and engagement levels were excellent. Staff have now been trained so they can take future sessions. 4 Parents' Support – 2 sessions have been held and were well-attended. The Pathways Evening and the Targeted Parents' Evening. Positive feedback from both. 5 Upcoming Dates: 28.11.25 Staff Development Day 01.12.25 Assessment Window 08.12.25 S3 Parents' Evening (in person) 11.12.25 Junior Dance 11.12.25 Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day 15.12.25 Family Christmas Dinner 17.12.25 Senior Dance 19.12.25 School closes 6 Staffing - once all changes currently in flight are completed, the school will have a full complement of teaching staff. 7 Armistice – pupils were involved in a number of services within school and in the local community. The S4-6 pupils who attended in in-school service were very

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	respectful.
(4) School Improvement Planning	The group received an update from Clare McLaughlin on the School Improvement Plan: Curriculum, Learning, Teaching & Assessment The FHS Learning Routine has been launched to provide consistency for staff and pupils, alongside the Ready to Learn initiative to support engagement. Faculty VSEs and thematic reviews are underway to identify improvements, with staff and pupil drop-in sessions supporting ongoing development. Culture, Ethos, Relationships, Equality & Inclusion Staff have received CPI training to strengthen relationship-led practice, and House Captains plus a new Interhouse Calendar have been introduced to foster a positive climate. The relaunched Wellbeing Hub and Pupil Support Tracker aim to monitor and enhance support, while inclusion and diversity are promoted through events like Culture Week and partnerships. Improving Outcomes Wellbeing surveys are being used to measure and improve pupil wellbeing, while the FHS Leadership Standard supports attainment for all learners. Initiatives include celebrating achievements, targeted interventions for vulnerable groups, and professional learning for staff to drive continuous improvement.
(5) AGM	This will take place at the next meeting on Monday 19th January
(6) AOCB	Gift/Foodbank Drive - Christmas Gift Drive underway which is being run by the Pupil Equity Group. Targeted at pupils. - Foodbank Drive has started and a specific list of items for donation has been circulated within school. Prelim Timetable - Pupils have seen this but a request was made that it be shared with parents. Group Call Distributed on Fridays - It was commented that this is very useful information, but it could be advertised more and made more obvious in the weekly Friday email that there is important information in the attachment. Management Team to consider if the name of the file should be changed to something more meaningful. 200 Club - It was proposed that a Double Draw be done for Christmas and that this is communicated in the Friday Group Call email.
(7) Date of Next Meeting	The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Monday 19th January at 7pm.

Actions

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Action	Owner
Check if signatories are able to take the Parent Council meeting minutes	Ruth McCall
Check if anyone in the school office would be interested in taking the Parent Council meeting minutes	Stuart Kelly
Publish 'Jargon Buster' for parents on the school website	Rachel Attinasi
Send details of Gift Drive and Foodbank Appeal to Erika Cooper for doing Facebook posts on the FHS Parents Group	Rachel Attinasi
Post details of Gift Drive and Foodbank Appeal on the FHS Parents Facebook Group	Erika Cooper
Share prelim timetable with parents	School Management Team
Advertise the Friday Group Call information and consider changing the name of the Email/File	School Management Team
Include in an upcoming Group Call message that the December 200 Club draw will be doubled	School Management Team