

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 17 November 2025

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CD, JC, CH, SM, FM, KA, CL, KT, GS, RS, Cllr Moody, JH, SR

Apologies: LM, RD

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

3. Other matters arising

AI Policy

- A parent asked if there is an AI policy at KPS as some schools do. The use of AI is banned at the school for pupils. Staff have very limited access to co-pilot and Gemini. The council will be looking into this. Pupils are informed that the AI overview on search engines cannot be used as a reliable source (in the same way that Wikipedia is not a reliable source). The school staff recognise this is evolving area and will need to be monitored.

4. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Parents Evening

- Parents were asked about STEM expertise they had which they would be willing to share either during the school day or for afterschool clubs. Some parents said they would be happy to pay for such afterschool clubs. It was queried if Bocclair Academy had STEM Young Leaders who could run activities at the school. Pupils at Bocclair doing Duke of Edinburgh awards may need to gain volunteering hours which could be an opportunity. Parents offered their expertise in areas including woodwork and Science (from an ex-Science teacher).
- A parent got in touch after parents evening as a colleague of theirs working for Babcock at Faslane received an award for work on STEM engagement in schools, so they will be asked if they would be willing to run an activity at KPS.
- One parent suggested a link to Bardowie Sailing Club (though they didn't leave any personal details for follow up).
- Running a tennis club was suggested (though not with a name of someone to deliver this).
- Killermont Crafters and the Men's Shed were suggested as a useful link who could offer skills.
- Many comments/suggestions were made regarding parking including:

Offering walking incentives to pupils, a central drop off site away from the school, a walking school bus/bike bus, all cars parking on the same side of the road, more bike shelters/stands, staggered drop off times/breakfast club so pupils could arrive earlier (and similar after school), banning cars round area around school, cones at zebra crossings (though the school noted these are expensive to buy, queried could the men's shed create something similar?), painted parking bays, increased hi-vis presence around crossings. There was concern that parents don't read emails regarding parking. Pupils speaking to their parents about this issue was also suggested. Some suggested a banner on the fence designed by the pupils could be effective. The JRSOs were noted as being very enthusiastic this morning with their signs.

- 23 responses were received to the online form. Some good feedback was received. Themes parents wanted to discuss included a focus on outdoor learning/gardening, more afterschool clubs, increased covered bike parking. A parent asked what the rationale was for how school trips are allocated across year groups. 50% of respondents wanted to know how the parent council operates, and a number wanted to get involved.
- In the online form parents offered their skills in the following areas: musical theatre, gardening, hockey, lifestyle/medicine/food deprivation/sleep focus, singing, scenic arts. Parents with STEM skills who offered their skills included those with skills in video production, a laser engineer and a climate specialist.
- Some parents who live in the area which has school bus provision said they would use it if it didn't pick the children up so early and drop them at the school early (particularly a concern for younger pupils). There was also a case raised where one child was getting a taxi on their own, resulting in the child being dropped off alone.
- It was noted that many suggestions if implemented would fall on school staff to undertake, which takes them away from other learning and teaching focused tasks. In addition, the school's responsibility for pupils starts at 9am.
- A message from the Parent Council would be sent to parents through the class what's app groups regarding the parking situation.
- Ryan has created a poster which could be printed. It was thought there was a parent council budget which could be used for this.

Parent Council Forum Meeting

- Takes place on 18th November. Topics to be covered include refreshed vision, value and aims, corporate reporting and overview, Imagine Strategy, Parental Engagement Strategy.
- The issue of how Parent Council members get PVG checks completed would be raised.

5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

Visit from the Chief Education Officer

- Greg Bremnar visited the school on Monday to meet Mrs McLauchlan. The meeting went well.
- The PTA have decorated the front porch which was welcomed. This will be updated each season.
- The QI Officer visited the school and EYC. These visits were very positive. Attainment is looking strong with all pupils on track to meet expected standards, with many tracking higher. Across the country first level (Primary 4) is challenging to meet and this is reflected in KPS, with writing a particular challenge. This is a focus for the school, particularly looking at children with additional support needs and English as a second language. The school will look at the evidence being gathered and the forms of assessment used for this. The school has autonomy over the assessment used so long as the achievement of the attainment can be evidenced. Differing assessments can be appropriate for different pupils, particularly for pupils with dyslexia.
- The school's quality review will likely take place in the second half of the year. This will help the school prepare for inspection.

Miss Mathieson leaving

- Miss Mathieson is leaving the school at Christmas. This will be recognised at assembly and the PTA are also planning to mark her departure.

Christmas dates

- These have been shared and plans are in place.

Pinkston Watersports for P7 pupils

- RS has contacted the school and dates have been proposed for the event for P7 pupils. This will be a half day event and is planned for the new year.

6. Councillor Update

Nothing to report.

7. AOCB

- None

8. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

- 19 January 2026
- 2 March 2026
- 18 May 2026