

## **KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes 19 January 2026**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** CD, SM, JC, JH, RS, RJ, LM, CL, KT, GS, SR, FM

**Apologies:** CH

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed.

#### **3. Playground conditions during icy weather**

Parents had been concerned about the playground conditions during icy weather. The building manager had changed when the weather had been particularly bad. Previously the building manager made a safe path, but the gritting map did not show this requirement. Group call messages were sent to parents confirming arrangements, including that the front entrances would be used if required. In future if areas are unsafe they will be properly blocked off. Some parents asked why more grit wasn't put down, and it was confirmed that the quantity of grit used, and the time spent on this was set to ensure other tasks which also need done are also completed. Where parents have particular concerns they can use a route which feels safe to them.

#### **4. Other matters arising**

##### **School lunches**

- Some parents were concerned that school meal portion control was too small for older pupils. FM confirmed that the portion size should be sufficient and some children don't finish their meals. This will be raised with the school catering staff for further consideration. The menus are fairly rigid and catering staff only receive the food supplied for the menu on offer, but where they can they will supplement this with additions if they have food available. Much of the food is also supplied to the school preprepared so the school catering staff don't have control of this. However if there are particular dishes which are routinely receiving negative feedback, the school can report this to the council. Housekeeping staff do monitor whether the pupils are eating to ensure children are at least having something to eat, even if not their full meal. The potato accompaniment to the roast beef has received negative feedback as have potato wedges.
- Pupils commented that if their year group were last into the lunch hall the fruit options are limited. Year groups are rotated (with the exception of P1, P2 and P7) so each year group does get the opportunity to have the widest selection. This will be looked into.

## 5. Chairperson's report and correspondence

### Parent Council Forum meeting - 18 November 2025

#### - "Excellence for All"

- East Dunbartonshire Council has refreshed its education vision following consultation with parents, staff and children.
- The vision is 'Excellence for All - a commitment to excellence, equity and inclusion that empowers all children and young people to succeed in learning and life.'
- This means every child, including those who need extra support, should feel safe, supported and able to achieve their potential.

#### Five clear priorities now guide all primary schools:

- Equity & Opportunity – reducing barriers so all children can thrive
- Learning & Teaching – high-quality, engaging learning in classrooms
- Child-Centred & Future-Focused – children's wellbeing, voice and rights matter
- Inclusion & Empowerment – nurturing environments where children feel safe and respected
- Family & Community Partnerships – parents are recognised as key partners in learning

#### - Standards & Quality Report 2024–25

- The council publishes an annual report on how well schools are doing.
- Inspections of primary schools and early years centres this year showed many Good and Very Good evaluations.
- Strengths include:
  - Children's wellbeing and rights
  - Positive learning environments
  - Strong support for literacy and numeracy
- Where improvements are needed, action plans are already in place and monitored.

#### - Across Scotland, parents say their top concerns are:

- Behaviour in schools
- Additional Support Needs
- Health and wellbeing

These priorities closely match the council's current focus in primary schools.

#### - New Parental Engagement Strategy (2025–2028)

- A new strategy has been introduced to improve how schools and parents work together. It focuses on:
  - Clear, timely communication
  - Supporting parents with learning at home
  - Strengthening Parent Councils and parent voice
- Schools will work with Parent Councils to agree how and when communication happens.

- **What is the role of the Parent Council?**

- Parent Councils represent all parents, not just those who attend meetings. They:
  - share parent views with the school
  - are consulted on school improvement
  - help strengthen communication between home and school

**Chair role vacancy**

- The position will become vacant from the end of the school year. A member of the Parent Council has approached the chair to discuss what the role involves, but if others are interested in the role they can approach SM to discuss.

**Killermont Crafters**

- The group were approached about running an afterschool club and they were keen to be involved. The school office will contact them.

**Parents Evening**

- This will take place in March. Closer to this the parent council can decide what focus they would like to have at this meeting.
- It was suggested parents could be asked for ideas on what they would like the funds the PTA have raised to be spent on.

**6. Head Teacher's report and correspondence**

**P7 Transition to S1**

- The calendar of activities will be shared soon. There is a new Deputy Head at Bocclair Academy coordinating this. Literacy and Numeracy sessions took place last week and guidance teachers have also visited KPS and will meet each pupil individually. This helps them get to know the children. There will be 2 induction days in May and a Parents Information Evening. There will also be a Business and STEM Morning for P7s at Bocclair. Feedback from previous years has been positive.
- Dates have not been shared yet for the P7 Leavers Assembly and the ceilidh/disco. Parents asked that as much notice be given as possible. This will be arranged and shared as soon as possible
- An evening at Bocclair Academy will be held in June when pupils can come to the school and try on blazers for size.

**EYC to P1 Transition**

- Starting buddy system soon with P6 visiting the EYC.
- Hope to have the buddy system more structured than previously. The P7 pupils can get very excited about the opportunity to buddy with P1s but this can be overwhelming sometimes for the P1s.
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**Staff changes**

- Miss Matheson has left and Mrs MacDonald has taken over this role.
- Mrs Power has retired.

- Mr Nelson has left KPS. He had been in post for some time so there will be a period of transition whilst a new Building Manager is appointed.

#### **School quality framework**

- Authentic Engagement is a focus.
- Expect a Quality Review after spring break which will pre-empt an Education Scotland inspection. Engagement is one area that will be a focus in the review.

#### **Parking**

- The Men's Shed Have confirmed they will make 'children cut out signs' to help increase awareness of where cars shouldn't be parked.
- Looking to get car park signage made highlighting that parents cannot park in the car park. Costings for this are being sought.
- One of the gates to the car park has broken and this has been reported.
- It was confirmed that blue badges holder are 'allowed' to park in the school car park, but they are not 'entitled' to. Due to the Equality Act the school would prefer to allow this to ensure accessibility for pupils.

#### **Bike Shed**

- The school has been offered the possibility of a bike shed which they have accepted. They are awaiting confirmation of whether or not they have been allocated one.

#### **STEM Nation Award**

- The school is applying for a STEM Nation Award. The application will be submitted by the end of June.
- Young STEM leaders will be organising some activities.

#### **School trips**

- This has been challenging this year due to the need for parent helpers to have PVG checks completed.
- The school plans to start tracking the trips each year group has throughout their time at KPS to ensure year groups get equal opportunity to have smaller and larger trips over their time at the school.

#### **PVG for Parent Council members**

- It is still unclear if Parent Council Members require PVG, however, they are not currently needed for the Parent Council meetings to proceed.

### **7. Councillor Update**

No Councillors were present.

### **8. AOCB**

- None

### **9. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:**

- 2 March 2026
- 18 May 2026

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