

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 9 March 2026

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: LM, RJ, GS, JH, KA, AM, KT, FM, CL, CI, SM, AT, JC, CD

Apologies: CH, Stewart Reid

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

3. Other matters arising

- None

4. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Parent's Evening

- The recent newsletter informed parents that Parent Council reps will be in attendance if any parent wishes to raise any issues.
- The Quality Review paperwork is currently being completed and this exercise has highlighted that the school aims could be clarified and thoughts on refreshing these discussed. Whilst the values are well known, the aims may not be.
- Imagine groups – FM is in the curriculum group.

Parent Council Constitution

- This has not been updated since May 2022.
- This will be a talking point at Parents Evening and any points for updating can be discussed at the June Parent Council meeting.

PC Forum

- The forum met a couple of weeks ago. The curriculum improvement cycle was discussed. The curriculum is reviewed every 10 years. There are concerns that there is a structural disconnect between the curriculum and real life (particularly at secondary). The level 4 to level 5 jump was noted as challenging. The aim is to develop a more joined up learner journey from age 3 – age 18. The new curriculum will be in place from 2028-2032, with changes in early years in primary school starting in 2028. This curriculum review follows SQA changes. National groups were asked for feedback but no feedback was forthcoming.
- PVG is not thought to be a concern for Parent Councils. This is a requirement however for those parents helping a school events. The PTA have provided a list of parents whom they have a PVG for which has been helpful. SM was

given the details of the Quality Improvement Officer to seek clarification on PVG requirements.

- The next meeting of the Parent Council Forum will be 19th May. The next Parent Council meeting will therefore move to 1st June.

Chair role

- Katie Allan volunteered to take on the role of Parent Council chair when SM departs office at the end of the school year. The Council undertook a vote and all members agreed to vote Katie into this role.
- Jenna Andrews was voted in as vice-chair.

5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

Learning and Teaching

- Tracking has been taking place which helps teachers target support. P1, P4 and P7 are key focus points as they are the end of early, first and second levels (though tracking is done for all years). Attainment across the school is looking healthy. Writing remains the area needing most support; this is a similar picture nationally. The school are looking at the broader skills associated with writing to help make the assessment of writing more robust. FM is happy with progress, particularly with dyslexic learners. She recognises that further progress can be made, particularly with identifying dyslexia in earlier years.
- Work has been undertaken with regard to engagement with learning. A particular focus is looking at whether engagement is compliant or authentic.
- Teachers undertook a peer walk around so they could see other learning taking place. After this the teachers joined in a peer discussion. This helped identify good practice. Student enquiry-based learning was identified as helping encourage authentic engagement. Spelling work appeared to have less engagement.

Community wardens

- The community wardens attended the school today. They noted that when they are in attendance parking is better. Parent council members thought it would be helpful if they visited at school closing time as parking can be worse at this time.
- They informed FM that they will walk around the perimeter of the school grounds, not just stand at the car park entrance.
- They issued a fixed penalty notice for a car parked on a dropped kerb.
- They will report to the police the issue of vehicle idling.
- They will attend assembly on 13th March to speak to pupils.
- They wish to be involved in a range of issues with the school and pupils, not just parking issues.
- A resident complained that another resident has a number of vans always parked outside their house, which is adjacent to the school, and takes up a number of parking spaces. They also complained about nursery staff parking in the bay outside the nursery. The headteacher has been informed that they do not have authority to speak to neighbours or staff about where they park.

- The bus which drops kids to the afterschool club at the school is also problematic due to its size which often requires cars in the carpark to be moved.
- A few years ago discussions were held about reconfiguring the car park, or altering the playground to create more parking space, but there was no funding available for this, and this position remains.

School meals

- The council confirmed that meals are portion controlled. The portion is the same size for all pupils aged 3-11. This will be questioned further as it was noted this could result in excessive portion size for 3 years olds (or portions which are too small for 11-year-olds).
- It was noted the cost is the same for the meal for pupils of all ages which could be the reason the portion size is standardised.

6. Councillor Update

- No councillors were in attendance.

7. AOCB

Coaching in Primary 6

- A Parent Council member asked if SPARK would continue to run. This has been offered to primary 5 and pupils can put themselves forward. It was noted that those who have attended this before have found it very useful.

Janitor – Building Manager role

- A Parent Council member thought the school grounds weren't in as good condition as they had been previously.
- There has been a change in the building manager, some changes at team lead level and some issues with the cleaning team. The new permanent building manager started last week.
- Examples include branches beside the parkour being overgrown and toilets being blocked. It was confirmed that toilets are checked twice a day. Some tasks are also not meant to be done by the building manager but they do take them on (such as doing the crossing patrol).
- Previously a hawk had come to the school to manage the seagulls, it is hoped they will come back. It was noted that this is not the only reason pupils are not allowed to take their lunch into the playground, this is not encouraged to help manage litter in the playground.

Afterschool club in the school

- Currently an afterschool club is being hosted in the school for Milngavie Primary school pupils. It is not known at this point if an afterschool club will continue to be run from the school; this is a council decision. The current arrangement is not impacting on the activities of the school.
- Members discussed whether parents would want the council to put out to tender the opportunity for an afterschool provider to run their activities from the school.

- There was some concern that this could limit the space available for school run activities.
- Some members liked the opportunity for the pupils to access the different outdoor spaces available through the Step by Step provision, particularly the park.

Councillor attendance at meetings

- It was noted that there had not been councillor attendance at this, and the previous meeting. A number of issues had been raised which would have been helpful to discuss with a councillor.
- Members suggested that the councillor be invited to Parents Night to join the Parents Council stand.
- It would be queried if Councillor Ben Langmead should also be invited to meetings moving forward.

MUGA access

- Parents thanked the school for opening the MUGA before and after school and noted how much the pupils and parents appreciate this.

8. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

- 1 June 2026