LANARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL SESSION 26-27

DATE: 5th October 2026

- **Welcome**
- **Adoption of previous minutes**
- **HT Update**
- **Fundraising** **Basketball Equipment**
  Christmas Fayre
  Borders Biscuits
- **School Website – feedback from MS Form**
- **How can Parent Council support the life and work of the school/**
- **Discussion topics for future meetings**
- **AOCB** **UCAS Parental Information Sharing**

  Duke of Edinburgh

  P7/S1 Information evening

  S4 Study Skills
- **Next Meeting 2nd November 2026**

In attendance
Parent Council Members:
Kereen McDairmant (Chair), Claire Orr (Note), Ina Marshall, Steve Jasperse, Catriona Murdoch, Kathryn Gartshore, Fiona Barr, Magdalene Thomson and Jill McQuigg

School Representatives:
Mr Warden

Apologies
Lynne Brennan, Kirsty McFerran, Jo Clark, Bronwen Stewart Aidoo, Annie Smith, Helen Logan, Joanne Brown, Nikki Lambie, Nadine Hare

AGENDA	Meeting Notes

Welcome	Led by Kereen McDairmant
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by Fiona Barr Seconded by Stephen Jasperse
HT Update **S6 Sleep Out** **Staffing Update** **Attainment** **Supported Study**	Update given by Mr Warden: 86 Sixth Years attended this year's Sleep Out in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland. The night went extremely well and Mr Warden would like to thank Facilities Staff for their help and organisation. The new head of English will start on 19th October 2026. The Depute Headteacher vacancy to replace Mr Munongee will be advertised shortly. Mr Warden shared some of his findings from recent discussions with each faculty regarding attainment levels based on 2026 exam results. This information will be presented to South Lanarkshire Council. Mr Warden advised that they are currently reviewing methods to encourage more pupils to attend Supported Study sessions and additional alternative options that could be made be available to pupils.
Fundraising	**Basketball Equipment** Suitable mobile Basketball equipment has been sourced and will be purchased via the £500 grant awarded by Tesco. Further information will be shared with the wider school community shortly.
	Christmas Fayre Mr Warden advised that a Christmas coffee morning may replace the Christmas Fayre. PTA members may also be able to provide support. **AP1 – Christmas Coffee Morning to be discussed further at next meeting.**
	Borders Biscuits The forum agreed to proceed with Lanark Rotary Club's Annual Border Biscuit Campaign. It was agreed that Kereen will lead this opportunity and will develop a form for parents to complete to place and pay for their order. **AP2 - Kereen to provide form and information prior to October Break.** Several PTA members agreed to help Kereen with this project and discussion will take place regarding logistics of issuing the biscuits.
	Future Fundraising Initiatives Further fundraising requirements were also discussed and it was agreed that fundraising would be a focused agenda item at every second PTA meeting. The potential to enlist the help of existing 6th Year Charity Committee and other students to help with fundraising initiatives was also discussed.

	AP3 - Mr Warden to consider pupils inc existing 6th Year Charity Committee for future fundraising initiatives.
School Website – feedback from MS Form	We used a MS form to gather some parent council views on the school website The following areas were identified as positive • There is a wealth of information on there. • The quick links and menu us clear and easy to navigate • Key dates • Used school colours • Nice welcoming front page with Jeff's picture on it • It is well laid out and easy to navigate • Clear categories • It is easy to navigate due to being well organised • Easy to use • Key dates finally updated but would have been better if done prior to school starts and updated as soon as events organised! • Parent council section showing PC minutes. The identified next steps for review were:- • There is clearly a power of work involved in the website. It would be useful to have a spotlight of the week/month to highlight relevant parts and to encourage parents/carers to explore/engage with the information available. • I maybe don't use it often enough but although I found information I needed it needed searching to find • Sign posting to useful help and support outside of school to support families • The information needs to be up to date. • The page is not user friendly and a lot of clicks to get the data I need. • A lot of links e.g. clubs do not appear to have any information. • A lot of the info which is included in newsletters could be easily posted on the web page instead. • The page does not generate a feeling of school community which we know is strong and demonstrated on other social media. • When something is out of date - there should be updates. Also when info is muting i.e.; 2026 exam timetable, instead of saying coming soon there should be a deadline date so that parents know it's actually in hand • Contact arrangements/details for pupil support and faculties • Make sure calendar is up to date - currently nothing is showing. Mr Warden thanked PTA members for taking the time to review the webpage and provide comment. He will review and discuss with colleagues.

How can Parent Council support the life and work of the school	**Attendance** Improvement activity within this area is ongoing. Mr Warden is working with staff to explore new initiatives to encourage pupils to attend school. Mr Warden is keen to hear suggestions and ideas from the Parent Council and suggested that the next meeting focus on this area. **AP4 - Miss Lindsay and Mr Scott to attend the next PTA to share success stories and suggestions.**
Discussion topics for future meetings	• Attendance • Christmas Coffee Morning • Comms – How do we increase parent stakeholder engagement at events? • Slicker communication between home and school. For example very late notice period for various in school events during September and yet school will have known for longer - this would help families plan attendance • A project to impact the school/pupils/staff and increase parental engagement. • Supporting at home. • Attainment for all pupils • Dyslexia Support • Misogyny – The PTA are keen to understand how recent comments / guidelines will transpose into every day school life. • Period Poverty
AOCB	The following were submitted as AOCB **UCAS Parental Information Sharing** Some members expressed concern regarding a perceived lack of available information to parents with regards to the UCAS application process i.e. timelines, content etc. It is acknowledged that Pupil Support teachers provide a great deal of support to students which is very much appreciated but it would also be beneficial if information could be shared with parents.
	Duke of Edinburgh Thank you to Mrs West and Mr Chand for all the support they give, especially giving up their September weekend.
	P7/S1 Information evening The response to this evening was really positive. PTA members who attended the session thought that there had been greater opportunity to see other areas of the school than previous events and this was welcomed. It was noted that it would have been beneficial if ASN had also been in attendance to provide information with regards to additional support measures particularly with regards to Dyslexia. This would ensure that any parental / pupil concerns could be addressed on the night.

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Following an enquiry as to why LGS do not have a “School of Rugby” like other schools in South Lanarkshire, it was confirmed that this is dependent on the Active Schools Coordinator.</td></tr>
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Members discussed the recent S4 Study Session and feedback was extremely positive. The sessions were informative and considered to be excellent sources of help to pupils embarking on exam preparation.
Members enquired whether key messages and tips from the sessions would be shared with those who were unable to attend. Mr Wardon confirmed that this is scheduled to take place.
It was also considered that more information in advance of the event to parents, explaining what the night would entail would potentially entice more families to attend.</td></tr>
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