

Attendees:

Douglas Bruce	Head Teacher
Lesley-Ann Wright	Principal Teacher
Joanne Greig	Principal Teacher
Kirsty Cassidy	PC Chair
Brooke Haldene	PC Vice Chair
Sarah Sheriff	PC Treasurer
Liz Aitken	PC Secretary
Amanda Robitaille	
Nicola Williamson	
Grant Stalker	
Caitlin Borys	
June Morrison	
Fiona Whyte	
Sandrine Flower	
Catriona McShane	

Head Teacher's update – Douglas Bruce

- The inspectors visited for 48 hours and assessed all areas of the school. The report is being moderated and will be sent to parents before publication, which may take 4–16 weeks from the inspection date. Mr Moody returned briefly to support the school during the inspection.
- Laura F has left the early years centre.
- The school is recruiting for a temporary Early Years Practitioner post.
- Former Fox Covert pupils, now in S6, have returned for work experience.
- Three House Captains were elected for each house following an excellent standard of campaigning.
- P7 pupils completed leadership training so they can facilitate groups with younger children.
- Clubs: P3 pupils started an after-school football club; Mr Davidson volunteered to establish a chess club, proposed for Friday afternoons; Rugby sessions are due to begin, facilitated by Rory Hofmeyr from Corstorphine Cougars.
- Parent consultations will be held in the gym hall so that staff can remain together following a previous concerns raised by teaching staff. To protect privacy, tables will be spaced apart, and partition dividers will be used where possible.
- Traffic wardens will monitor the area to support safe parking around the school.
- The Pupil Parliament will restart soon and will focus on fundraising, including Comic Relief. Mrs Wright will provide as much notice as possible so that Pupil Parliament fundraisers do not coincide with Parent Council events.
- Laptops and iPads are used as learning tools for clear educational purposes. P6 pupils have individual iPads, while P1–P5 pupils share devices. Adaptors will be purchased for the new iPad pens and headphones. Coding and programming form part of the digital

learning curriculum. Grant Stalker offered to facilitate an artificial intelligence lesson in which pupils would build an educational game.

PC Finances 2025/26

- Easyfundraising raised £20.
- The Parent Council holds £7,575 in unrestricted funds.
- Just under £2,000 is held in restricted funds (golf funding is an additionally £4,500 of restricted funds).
- Halloween disco ticket sales have raised £650 to date.
- The Parent Council agreed that funds should be used to benefit pupils rather than retained as a large balance. Mr Bruce and Mrs Wright will advise the Parent Council of spending requests.

PC Fundraising plans

- All Halloween disco volunteers require PVG membership and should return their paperwork to Nicola Gordon as soon as possible. Mrs Brown will be the DJ, party bags will be distributed as children leave, and children will be dismissed by class at the end of the disco. Masks will not be permitted for P1–P4 pupils.
- Caitlin Borys is establishing a fundraising focus group.
- Social enterprise is planned this year instead of the present room. The school will consider whether both can be held or to focus on the social enterprise.

Q&A

Q – Is there an update on the chess club?

A – Mr Davidson volunteered to run the club on Friday afternoons.

Q – Is there an update on a mixed P6 football team?

A – The school is working with Cat from Active Schools to arrange Friday afternoon sessions and Saturday matches. Five parents volunteered to help.

Q – Changes to PE days not communicated with parents.

A – The updated information is now on the school website.

Q – Can parents receive more notice when helpers are needed for trips?

A – As much notice as possible will be given.

Q – Is there an update on the pantomime?

A – Mrs Greig will follow up with a local venue.

Q – Are there plans to restart the choir?

A – Hope to restart the choir for pupils in P5 and above.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 November, 6.30–7.30 pm.