

Liberton High School Parent Council - 7th May 2025

Chair: Lynsey Kilgour

Clerk: Megan Crawford

Attendees: Lynsey Kilgour, Megan Crawford, Sarah Buchan, Derek McNeil, Alison Humphreys, Jocelyn Hammer, Jeni Rowe, Lesley Nicol, Catriona Hammer, Beth McVittie, Lucy Larking, Lena Kolodziejczyk, Ellis Turnbull, Chris Johnston, Fiona Baillie, Calum Mackie, Alex Ramage, Carrie Thomson

Apologies: Hannah Hasson, Joanna Miller, Craig Walker, Ann Charles, Gila Holliman, Patience Nyabasa, Nyarai Mzenda, Mairead Butler, Vivian Aigbedion, Robert Abel, Lindsay Davies, Rhoda Barclay, Alta Mene

Approval of Minutes

Lynsey Kilgour, Alison Humphreys

Chair (Lynsey Kilgour)

Previous minutes approval

Prize Giving

Can parent council members come along to the prize giving?
Christine is creating an email to send out to Parent Council and to reserve seats for these members.

Finances

Closing one of the accounts with Bank of Scotland. TSB account that is also dormant. Looking to close that account too. Everyone agrees with that.

The Bank of Scotland 'LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL ASSOC2' account number ending 604 contains funds belonging to the Parent Council but is now dormant as it has not been used for some time. Given the multiple changes to the office bearers, the lack of clarity over existing signatories and length of time since use, we have completed an account closure form and have requested all existing funds be transferred into the other Parent Council Bank of Scotland 'LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL AS 100 CL' account number ending 647. The money in this account can be accessed by LK, JR and FB.

There is also a TSB 'LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL ASSOC' account number ending 060 which is dormant with around £200 believed to be in this account. Previous Parent Council Chair Mandy

LK to hand
MC quote for bank.

Thorburn is named on the account however no one has any contact details for her and it is unknown who else may be a signatory for that account. Again, we will investigate the process for account closure and request any remaining funds be paid into the Bank of Scotland account above which can be accessed by the current Parent Council.

BoS charging all community accounts fees £5 a month. Changing to a Royal Bank of Scotland account. Once this is set up, we will transfer all the money into this one account. Signatories will be Jenni, Lynsey, Fiona, Derek and Alex.

Finance Meeting (Jenni)

June before we get the new budget for next year, the finance system we have in place is not working, so having to try and guess what it will be (has been the case form October). No School knows for sure. Moving towards a new system. If we over spend, we won't be penalised, but will have to be paid back in time. 16 pupils per teacher is how they budget number of teachers they need. Where the funding is going towards- rugby, live it dance, gold and grey, for uniform stock and subsidise school trips.

School Show

Just Giving fundraising page, could the Parent Council put their name to it and share on the internet to create interest around it. Could have Parent Council at the show to sell refreshments? The show is Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June.

P7 transition days

19th of June having an evening for families to come. There is a presentation and a Q and A. Could we have people from the parent council there too.

Parent Council meeting supplies

Morrison gift card to collect biscuits, tea and coffee for the meetings.

Parent Council Meeting Dates for Next Term

Monday 08/09/25 (AGM – appoint office bearers)

Wednesday 22/10/25

Monday 01/12/25

Wednesday 21/01/26

Monday 02/03/26 (invite primaries)

Wednesday 06/05/26

AH to invite
Primary
School Head
Teachers to
March date.

Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys)

Pupil Presentation: Fast Forward

Presentation on peer pressure and vaping/smoking/drugs. S3 students collaborating to put together a presentation to Primary 7's on vaping at 14 sessions at primary schools. Asked for student feedback from teachers and students– received feedback that it was inspiring to have older students delivering it. Giving a presentation at the Festival of Pure Inspiration. Vaping is captured city wide and at the school. Vlog Pure Power showing our students and their work. Our students created three games and made a video as well as their presentation.

Vaping at Liberton

Unaware of the numbers. Survey says 4%. Vapes are taken off students and held in the office for a guardian to pick up. Feel like students are being introduced to vaping younger and younger.

Update

Staffing

Curriculum leader of Mathematics (interviews later this month)
Teacher of Social Subjects (Modern Studies) - permanent, full time
Teacher of Social Subjects (History or Modern Studies or Geography)- fixed term, full time (1 year)
Teacher of Computing – fixed term, full time (1 year)
Teacher of RMPS – Fixed term, full time (1 year)
Curriculum Leader of Science (Tuesdays only, 1 year)
Curriculum Leader of Business, Computing and Modern Languages (Fridays only, 1 year)
Support for Learning Teacher (Qualifications Hub, Fixed term full time, 1 year)
Support for Learning Teacher (Enhanced Support Provision , permanent, full time)

Parent Uniform Survey

We had over 90 responses.

When thinking about our LHS branded school logo hoodies and sweatshirts, what would be your preferred option? 35% wanted to purchase that, only 9% wanted a plain hoodie and a separate badge, 56% wanted both.

If you were to be purchasing the hoodie/sweatshirt and the badge separately, what would you prefer? Go back to the council to say we want to be able to buy the hoodies from

Embroidered. Balfour Beatty offered to donate money to outdoor garden spaces. Carrie Thomson had emailed out to parents about this. Shortlisted Spaces are - Inch Park, Bowling Gree, Bridgend Farm New Campus Update Latest Progress Photos Interiors – planning. Discussions around the school and carpet colours. Cubes for seating in social spaces. Toilets- open entrance to the sinks and doors of the cubicles go from floor to ceiling. Can decide whether we want to have single gender toilets. Will be able to provide for everybody. Concerns about how toilets are easy place to hide to truant. Trial how we can stop that. Learning lessons from other schools to make our choices. Hopefully move next summer, with the students starting in it in August.	
AOCB Alex to attend Localities meeting and continue to. Happy to be a part of the council next year. Everyone seconded! Request- reconsider the closure of the pass from Malbet park when demolishing the old school building? School Events- can we send out forms for trips on Teams then students can access if they are off? Could these be sent in emails to parents? Strava- not having cycling this time. Being careful about privacy settings and who can join the House groups. Not received any appeals for Liberton this year.	AH to email Vince Spicer about how to reconsider this.
Next Meeting: 08/09/2025	