MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSO HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2026 IN PERSON

Attendance - Leri Payne (Vice Chair), Jill Lothian (Head Teacher), Jo Pennington, Jeanette Aitchison, Pam Guthrie, Dean Weatherston, Kirsty Banks, Steven Bell and Sonya Nairn.

Apologies - Harriet Campbell, Simon Mountford, Caroline Tice and Kelda Pearce.

Vice Chair Leri welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 10th December 2025 approved by Leri Payne, Pam Guthrie and Steven Bell

Chairperson's Report

The main topic is still the HMI report. We are still waiting on the formal report, which should be released shortly. Harriet has been asked to prepare a brief response for SBC regarding the inspection and will be invited to attend a meeting with SBC accompanied by Jill. We are keen for the Parent Council to continue to support Jill and the school to address any points raised by report. We will welcome any constructive suggestions on how this can be achieved once we have the full details of the report. It will be worthwhile devoting further discussion to this at subsequent meetings.

At the last meeting Jill highlighted the 4 Key areas for review:

- Leadership of change
- Teaching and Learning
- Wellbeing
- Attainment

My husband David Payne has offered his time and military experience in the RAF to help look at Leadership of change within the school and will be meeting with the Leadership team in due course. Tonight's meeting has followed the school session on curriculum choices to encourage parental involvement. We would be very grateful for feedback on whether this has been worthwhile. We still need to try and encourage more parent participation. We hope to have Parent Council representation at the Parent's evening to allow parents to voice any views more easily.

Discussion took place regarding PC reps attending forthcoming Parents' Evenings:

S2 4/2	Pam Guthrie
S4 26/2	Jo Pennington & Sonya Nairn
S5/6 4/3	TBC
S3 10/3	Kirsty Banks & Leri Payne

Head Teacher's Report

Please see attached SP Planning Pathway 26/27 Presentation.

Discussion around the official HMIe Report being publicised next week.

Treasurers' Report

Lottery Account

The balance of the PC Lottery account as of 28.01.26 is £1,619.96

There are currently 301 active lines. This equates to £150.50 going into the prize fund and £150.50 into the account for funding requests.

The Lottery was drawn this morning and there was a winner! Congratulations to Eric Briggs who won £568.50! The next draw will take place at the end of February with a prize fund of approximately £150.

TOTAL AVAILABLE TO SPEND £1,619.96

Main Account

The balance of the PC Main account as of 28.01.26 is £1003.60.

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Discussion / Questions

Discussion around wellbeing within school and offered use of stress testing equipment and support from Jeanette. School Counsellor is in KHS 2 days, shared with Selkirk, has the capacity to meet with 6 young people within allocated time using talk therapy.

School Nurse Drop In – 17 young people within last 3 weeks, increase in uptake.

Hoover for S6 to use in Flexi Space – to be purchased.

Discussion around school hockey achievements – Scottish National Cup final on 13/3. To make a big deal of this huge achievement, supporters to attend? Publicise through social media.

Date of Next Meeting

The planned date for the next meeting (in person) is during week commencing Monday 16th March 2026, day/date to be confirmed.

- Pupil Voice
- Respect in Schools – update
- HMIe – action plan / support

Leri thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.