

Kyle Academy Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 26 August 2025

Present: V Berry (S2), L Black (S3), P Cunningham (S1), M Ford (S6), G Johnston (S3), L Morrison (S5), A Patrick (S1), C Samson (S1), M Thomas-Cusick (S2/S5), M Byrne, V Sutherland, P White, E Murray, F George, E Houston.

1. Minutes of last Parent Council meeting (June 2025)

Minutes proposed and seconded.

2. Head Teacher's Report – M Byrne

MB provided a report on recent events. See attached.

3. School Captains

FG, EH and EM introduced themselves and gave an outline of their upcoming duties. Since the start of term they have been helping the S1s and acting as guides. They are already beginning to plan for Children in Need Week.

4. Celebrating Achievement

The School Captains shared how they had helped at achievement assemblies at the end of term last session. This led to a discussion about how the school celebrates achievement. MB advised that a working group of staff have begun to plan how we can expand this and include academic achievements. The aim is to be inclusive and equitable. Members of the group will be working with the Pupil Council to draw up proposals and will also consult the Parent Council. We will return to this at a later meeting.

5. Initial SQA results

MB shared information about school performance in SQA courses this year before appeals.

In S4, just over half achieved 5 National 5s and 32% got at least four A passes. This is higher than the South Ayrshire average. Almost all achieved a qualification in both English and Maths with most achieving Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF Level 5 (National 5 level).

In S5, 45% achieved at least 3 Highers and 28% achieved 5 or more. Again, this is significantly higher than South Ayrshire averages. The percentage achieving 5 or more Highers is the highest performance for the last 3 years. 19% achieved 4+ A/B passes at Higher.

Over half of our S6 pupils left with 5 or more Highers and a third with 1 or more Advanced Highers.

Overall, the school's attainment continues to be very good.

6. AOCB

School photos – these take place in S1, S3 and S5/6.

Query about Ski Holiday – MB stated that the cost was prohibitively expensive and the trip was not equitable therefore no longer runs. Staff have been looking at skiing closer to home instead.

Breakfast Club Funding – funding secured for the Fuel Up Zone means the club is financially viable this session. The school has also benefited from the Tesco token scheme and will look into other sources of food eg reducing waste sources.

Christmas Fair – it will take place on 11 December organised by S6 prefects. It was suggested we have stalls to share how the money raised supports our young people.

Topics for future meetings – Celebrating achievement, attendance, Equalities Policy, mobile phones and social media safety, wellbeing survey.

Next Meeting: AGM and Parent Forum Tuesday 30 September