

Minutes of Wallace Hall 2-18 Parent Council Meeting
Monday 12 January 2026, 7pm, Zoom

Present: Tina Fiske, Mr Graham, Calvin Ruysen (Vice-chair), Laura Keenan (Chair), Alice Stilgoe (Secretary), Maria Navarro de Sepúlveda, Emily McClennan, Linda Corrway, Kara Millen, Alicia Hood, Jess Fusco, Dicky Fusco, Tom Tryon, Judi Park, Euan Mack

Item	Details	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies Apologies: none	
2.	Approval of previous minutes Previous minutes were approved by Maria Navarro de Sepúlveda and seconded by Kara Millen	
3.	Mobile Phone Policy Kara Millen and Barry Graham to meet this week to revise survey with view to issuing survey this term.	C/o Barry Graham & Kara Millen
4.	Burns supper Friday 23 January Emily confirmed arrangements in place for Burns Supper on Friday 23 January with pupils providing the entertainment and role for senior pupils. Emily to meet with Barry this week to confirm kitchen arrangements and other details. So far 32 tickets sold. Emily asked Parent Council to help promote the event and encourage friends and family to buy tickets. Barry thanked Emily for her hard work.	C/o Emily McClennan & Barry Graham ALL – sell tickets!!!
5.	Head teacher's Report ELC 6 new pupils joined this term. Nursery numbers are healthy which will in turn result in healthy numbers starting P1 in the Autumn which is vital for future of the Primary. ELC current focus is Burns and Scottish culture. Primary December was busy with much Christmas merriment. Thanks to PC for providing funding for the festivities. The Christmas Show was a particular highlight. Learning Conversations took place over two evenings towards the end of last term. They were well attended by parents and an important part of the school calendar. Secondary There were 3 Christmas dances in December (S1& S2 / S3 & S4 / S5 & S6). Wonderful to see so many pupils and staff dancing and enjoying themselves, getting some exercise and celebrating Scottish culture. This is a long held and important tradition at Wallace Hall. Thanks to senior pupils who helped at S1 & S2 and S3 & S4 dances, as well as to staff for giving of their time. The Christmas Concert was well attended and much enjoyed. Prelims have started.	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Sub-committee reports – Projects</p> <p>Linda reported that 5 parent council members meet with Barry on a monthly basis. The group strives to fund raise in response to requests from staff for projects or materials they have identified. Linda and Alicia have been writing to Community Councils, local businesses, the Rotary club as well as drafting an application to the Hollywood Trust.</p> <p>Requested items include books, art supplies, science equipment, baking equipment, school trip support, support for school show, as well as big ticket items such as a minibus. These requests for funding are arising due to year on year diminishing school budgets, so in parallel with fundraising, the subcommittee group is also attempting to engage with DGC councillors and senior leadership. Thanks to Calvin for his leadership on this. Laura asked Calvin to give update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Calvin asked Laura if she has any feedback from other parent councils in the region about this same topic. Laura to raise at next D&G Parent Council Forum (DGPCF) meeting on 2 February.</p>	<p>Calvin to give update on this at next meeting</p> <p>Laura to attend DGPCF 2 Feb</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Linda to meet with Jane this week for handover. Thanks to Jane for all her hard work and superb efficiency over many years and commitment to Wallace Hall Parent Council. Laura thanked Linda and welcomed her to the role.</p> <p>Jane circulated brief update in advance of meeting via email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary balance: £306. Approx £150 due in January thanks to Christmas Card Class Fundraising. • Secondary balance: £268. • Projects balance: £1000. £500 from Dunscore CC due in January. 	<p>Jane to handover to Linda</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Alicia reported that Mr McClair is leading an overhaul of the Academy library. The first stage is cosmetic and making the space more inviting and comfortable and the second stage will address the book provision. Some items such as bean bags have already been purchased, but we are looking for donations of fairy lights and large indoor plants. Please contact Alicia if you are able to help.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>DONM Monday 2 March 2026, online 7pm</p> <p>Agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile phone survey (Barry Graham) - Treasurer’s report (Linda Corrway) - Update on liaison with DGC Cllrs (Calvin Ruysen) - Update on wider Parent Council views via DGPCF (Laura Keenan) 	

	Future meetings Monday 27 April 2026, Wallace Hall Library 7pm Monday 15 June 2026, Buccleuch & Queensberry Arms Hotel, Thornhill 5pm	
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