

IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

AMBITION RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY



MONDAY 1st September 2025

AGM

In attendance: Tracy Lindsay, Elizabeth Frew, Marie Harvey, Dawn Goddard, Kirsty McDonald, Christine Sweaton, Chiara Sheridan (Youth Worker), Linzie Sloan (Headteacher)

Apologies: Lorna Kerr, Emma Baird, Lynn McGrotty

1. Chairperson annual report

- Tracy thanked everyone for their dedication to the parent council over the past year. Fundraising was not as successful as previous years, with everyone agreeing we should revert back to hosting a psychic evening and bingo events as they draw bigger crowds. Despite this, we are still sitting with a healthy balance of £1368.90 in PC funds.

2. Treasurer Report:

- Attached at the end of these minutes

3. ELECTION OF 2025-26 COMMITTEE

- Chairperson – Elizabeth Frew
- Vice-chairperson – Lorna Kerr
- Treasurer – Marie Harvey
- Secretary – Tracy Lindsay

4. HT Update

- Linzie reported there were no real surprises with the SQA exam results. Insight will be released on 16/9.
- Kilwinning Academy will be our moderation partners this year.

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- The school is focusing on developing a culture of ambition, driven by the Learning and Teaching steering group. A Festival of Ambition was held on the first few days back in August for senior pupils, with most feedback from pupils/staff being positive. This will be replicated next year.
- S1 focus group will be held this week to capture pupil voice.
- Key adult initiative will be put into place again this year.
- Parents/carers from S1 will be targeted to engage parent/carer focus group.
- Parents/Carers will be invited on to the Family Engagement steering group. There will be opportunities in the school for volunteering, supporting Royal Resources, adult learning, Parents in Partnership, and celebrating parent/carer volunteering and success.
- A parent council e-mail group to be developed – Elizabeth will gather e-mail addresses and pass to Linzie.
- Linzie introduced Chiara Sheridan, who has taken over Dionne Gordon's role as Youth/Outreach Worker. Linzie has provided Royal Resources with extra PEF funding to support with the purchasing of additional resources.
- Extra-curricular Fayre – extensive offering from the school. Pupil engagement will be tracked to target those who don't take up any offering.
- SPLT – Linzie will meet with Emma and Olly next week. There will be SPLT representation at meetings moving forward.
- UCAS group has started. It was noted that every young person last term got their first choice of University/course.
- DYW drop in tomorrow (2nd September).
- Within the Senior Phase, tracking and levels are being finalised and learning conversations are taking place at present.
- Prizegiving is on 10th September, all PC members are invited to attend. Linzie asked if the PC could support with light refreshments – yes. The keynote speaker is from Police Scotland – name TBC.
- Tempest photography will be taking S1, S3 and S5 photos on 9th September.
- S1 transition breakfast is on 19th September, PC agreed to support with a donation.
- Mobile phones – Irvine Royal has not fully banned the use of phones in classrooms, as they are a good tool for learning and teaching. Instead, pupils

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are encouraged to put their phones in a box at the start of each lesson. So far, there has been a positive response.

- Reset no longer takes place (this is managed at Faculty level), meaning SLT can patrol additional areas during the day. Corridor passes are now issued to pupils, and a toilet monitor spreadsheet is in place.

5. Flagpole

- A flagpole has been donated by Persimmon, and £100 has been donated by Ashleigh towards a flag. Linzie is communicating with NAC with regard to installation.

6. Fundraising

- Psychic Night and Bingo nights will be organised as soon as possible.
- Elizabeth noted that parents/carers from the SSR are planning a separate fundraising night specific to the SSR, organised by Lorna.
- Elizabeth is keen to have a summer fayre next year.
- Raffle prizes to be sought for Santa's Grotto, as this usually does not make any funds.

7. Garden Area

- Elizabeth has messaged Councillor Shaun Macauley for support with the garden, as it is overgrown. A recent event to have parents/carers come in to cut the grass was cancelled due to bad weather.

8. School Minibus

- This is back on the road, Linzie noted that the cost of repairs continues to be high. The PC will look into funding options for a new minibus.

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9. Royal Resources

- Chiara will prepare a flyer looking for volunteers for Royal Resources, and ask that certain items of clothing not be brought in. Elizabeth has applied for this year's funding from the Robertson Trust to support Royal Resources.

10. Any Other Business

- None. Elizabeth thanked everyone for their attendance.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- Monday 6th October 2025

Minute Taker – Tracy Lindsay

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TREASURER REPORT: 2ND JUNE 2025 – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

Bank Account: (balance 2nd June 2025 of £2357.73)

Money Out:			Money In:		
02/06/25	Tuck shop supp.	60.00	02/06/25	cashback	0.32
03/06/25	Tuck shop supp.	11.64	11/06/25	Ticket money	15.00
06/06/25	Tuck shop supp.	40.00	07/07/25	cashback	0.51
11/06/25	Drag act fee	200.00	29/07/25	NAC creditors	517.00
12/06/25	Royal resources	142.00			
17/06/25	Family engagement	135.68			
18/08/25	Royal resources	15.04			
22/08/25	Royal resources	100.00			

BALANCE IN BANK ACCOUNT AS OF 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 - £2186.20

Monies which are allocated for specific purposes e.g. grants, etc:

SSR Stronger Starts Funding	£328.07
Mental Health Grant	£35.00
Youth PB Fund (Mental Health)	£1000.00
Flagpole	£100.00

(leaves a Parent Council bank balance of £723.13)

Petty Cash Tin (balance 2nd June 2025 of £730.27)

Money Out:			Money In:		
09/06/25	Lollipop sticks – festival of ambition	24.50			
11/06/25	SSR Stronger Starts Grant	50.00			
19/06/25	Sellotape – festival of ambition	10.00			

BALANCE IN PETTY CASH AS OF 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 - £645.77

THIS LEAVES A PARENT COUNCIL BALANCE OF - £1368.90

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