Title	**Trinity Parent Council**		
Subject	**Minutes of Meeting**	Meeting Date	**Thursday 11 September**
Location	Trinity High School		
Present	Head Teacher: Mrs C McArdle Parent Council Members: D. Brennan, S. McPhee, A. Weir, M. Monaghan, A. Lennon, M. McKernan. Invited Guests: A. Simpson.		
Apologies	G. Greechan.		

Ref	ITEM	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	G. Greechan, G. Kennedy, M. McArdle.	
2.0	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising	
2.1	Previous minutes adopted as read. Proposed: S. McPhee Seconded: A. Weir	
3.0	Equity Update	
3.1	Mrs Simpson, DHT for Equity confirmed that the school's ongoing priority remains the closing of the attainment gap and the provision of equitable support for all pupils. She reported that two S3 pupils will represent Trinity at the inaugural Cost of the School Day Young People's Conference, where they have been selected to interview John Swinney, First Minister. The school is part of a pilot Free School Meal (FSM) initiative for S1–S3 which sees Free School Meals extended to include families in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment. This has led to a marked increase in uptake, rising from 44% to 76% within the first three weeks. Mrs Simpson also drew attention to the Scottish Government's 2024 school uniform guidance, which promotes affordability and inclusivity. This guidance has been shared with staff, and the school's current uniform policy is considered to be aligned with these principles.	

	A range of health and wellbeing initiatives continue to be delivered, including nurture groups, fun days, residential opportunities, and Family Learning sessions. Reported impacts include improved wellbeing scores, high levels of pupil enjoyment, the development of practical skills, and positive feedback from families. With regard to learning and attainment, Ms Simpson highlighted the following initiatives: ➢ Literacy: Fresh Start, Catch Up, Therapets, Bookbugs, and trips. ➢ Numeracy: new one-to-one support. ➢ Senior Phase: Eat and Learn sessions, supported study, virtual classroom provision, and new qualifications such as Mental Health First Aid and Emergency First Aid. Discussion also took place on how best to promote opportunities for the wider parent forum to participate in volunteering within the school. The Parent Council expressed their appreciation to Mrs Simpson and the wider staff team for their continued commitment to equity and pupil support.	
4.0	Parent Council Constitution	
4.1	The Parent Council discussed the Constitution and agreed that it had been updated a few years ago, with no further changes required at this time. It was agreed that D. Brennan will confirm with S. McPhee that no amendments are necessary before the Constitution is forwarded to the Local Authority.	D. Brennan
5.0	Head Teachers Report	
5.1	Current Roll: S1 – 220, Total Roll 1272. Staffing update: New Temporary Appointments: Mr Brennan Acting DHT Raising Attainment, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Marks Acting DHT Equity, Mrs Webster continuing in English as PT, Mrs Swan PT Music, Miss Kilgour FH Social Subjects, Mr Sutherland 1.0 PT Pupil Support, Mrs Thompson 0.2 PT Pupil Support, PT PEF Mr Baddon, Mrs McBrolly, Mr Shearer and Miss Skillen Acting PT RE Mr O'Neill. Currently recruiting for FH of Business/Computing permanent. Standards & Quality and School Improvement Plan A sway has been uploaded to the school website detailing our achievements for session 2025/26 along with the School Improvement Plan for parents and carers.	

	Pastoral Matters: Staff and Caritas Students attended the Jubilee Year Walk of Hope to Our Lady of Good Cathedral Father Stephen Reilly remains our chaplain. Father Christopher assist Father Stephen. S5/6 We said farewell to our S6 at the Prom on a beautiful evening had by all at Celtic Park. Families came into school to have photographs taken before being waved off on the buses. Successes Summer Transition Programme very well attended, 50 pupils, again this year with very positive feedback form those involved stating on how they felt more confident coming to high school. SQA Results Our results this year reflected the results of both the local authority and national trends. Young people have been rewarded for the hard work that they put in, by the dedication of our staff in supporting them through the past few years, and by the support given to the school by parents & guardians. SQA results overall very positive. Again, doing very well against our neighbouring schools. Senior Phase Awards and Ceremony: The Parent Council are cordially invited to attend on Tuesday 16th September at 7.00pm Participatory Budget: Update given by Mrs Simpson	
6.0	Parish Input	
6.1	M. McKernan informed the Parent Council that parishioners in the Motherwell Diocese, at the invitation of Bishop Toal, are working to establish a Justice & Peace Group. All those interested are invited to attend an upcoming Mass and gatherings. Information available on Justice and Peace social media platforms.	

	M. McKernan also shared details of an accompaniment initiative supporting people in the Holy Land, which involves sending messages or prayers to be passed on to those affected by the conflict. Miriam will forward details of this initiative to Mrs Marks.	
7.0	Treasurer's Report & PTA Activities	
7.1	It was agreed that D. Brennan will invite E. Kilgour to the next meeting to support the organisation of the Christmas Fayre.	D. Brennan
8.0	Correspondence in the Period	
8.1	S. McPhee has already shared information from Connect at a previous meeting and will now provide additional details, including updates on the new PVG criteria.	
9.0	Any other business (AOB)	
9.1	The Parent Council discussed the absence of core Physical Education in S5 and S6. Mrs McArdle explained that this is due to time constraints within the school timetable.	
10.0	Date & time of next meeting: 2nd October 2025 at 7pm	