



Pupil Parliament

Minutes

12 February 2024

<p>1.</p>	<p>WELCOME 10:50 – 10:55</p>	<p>The Presiding Officer welcomed all members of Parliament to today’s session.</p> <p>The following members were present: Faith Archer, Anna Bamford, Duncan Bayne, Liam Brooksbank, Gretchen Cobb, Sofia Coutts, Caitlin Cox, Heather Cox, Oscar Cozens, Lucy Douglas, Hugo Flinn, Jessica Flynn, Adam Gallagher, Lucy Gibb, Finn Gilfillan, Anna Gilkison-Davies, Suilven Harris, Leah McMorran, Tiki Mitchell, Ellie Murray, Douglas Ogilvie, Daisy Ramsay, Keira Robertson, Oliver Ruiz, Rory Scott, Anna Faith Scott, Ewan Simpson, Amy Smith, Constance Speirs, Lily Stephen, Elliose Twedde, Anayah Ullah, Reilly White, Iona-Rose Wilson.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>MOTION DEBATE 1: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET 10:55 – 11:25</p>	<p>Hugo Flinn suggested purchasing new gym equipment to replace old. Debate themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not really a good use of money - Looking to utilize money on something in the long term - Not sure it is best use of the money - Best use of money <p>Oscar Cozens suggested purchasing new text books. Debate themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Textbooks could be outdated again - Looking to purchasing new textbooks across the board - £500 will not necessarily cover that many textbooks - Looking to purchase new things that we do not currently have - Departments should be deciding for themselves as they have a budget - Key to focus on extra-curricular and consider items in a creative way <p>Gretchin Cobb suggested purchasing new bins around the bottom half of the pitches. Debate themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are not enough bins around - We need more bins outside 	

- Want to reduce the amount of rubbish around
- We already have the bins so how can we distribute them more around the school
- Dog walkers use the campus and then can put the dog waste around the school
- Could we contact the council to have more bins to utilize the funds more wisely – do we need to spend it on this
- Are we best negotiating this through the eco-committee
- Is the money being spent on bins

Finn Gilfillan suggested a full school ceilidh at the end of exams. Debate included:

- Finite resource that will only last 2-3 hours
- There wouldn't be a focus on improving the school
- Not everyone likes doing Scottish Country Dancing
- Against that the benefit and cost is too expensive
- Only a few people will want to do this
- Against spending the money on this as it won't last that long
- Best to spend the money here
- Ceilidh dancing is a key part of our Scottish culture
- End of S4 celebration already planned
- It is a great idea but at the end of study leave is something that needs to be considered

Leah McMorran suggested that purchasing equipment for the S6 common room. Debate themes included:

- Objection raised around putting money towards cushions and kettles
- Good thing and it may not impact on other year groups
- Agreed as everyone year will get to enjoy the experience
- Reward
- Definitely think that the S6s deserve the space

Finn Gilfillin suggested investigating training a climbing instructor to pay for a training course so that pupils can benefit from this resource. Debate themes included:

- Not a great idea as the amount would take up the entire funding
- Good idea
- People would be excited for core PE again
- Something different
- We have all the resources
- The qualification will last over time
- PE is mundane and it is an exciting thing to consider

VOTE

The following motions were voted on and the results are included below.

2. That this Parliament supports spending money on purchasing new textbooks.

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● For	4
● Against	23
● Abstain	2



Motion not passed.

3. That this Pupil Parliament supports spending money on purchasing new PE equipment.

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● For	4
● Against	21
● Abstain	4



Motion not passed.

4. That this Pupil Parliament supports spending money on purchasing more bins to reduce litter around campus.

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● For	16
● Against	7
● Abstain	6



Motion passed.

5. That this Pupil Parliament supports spending money on paying for a ceilidh band for a one-off celebration following the end of exams

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● For	3
● Against	22
● Abstain	4



Motion not passed.

6. That this Pupil Parliament supports spending money on improving the S6 common room.

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● For	20
● Against	3
● Abstain	6



Motion passed.

7. That this Pupil Parliament supports spending money on supporting training to enable use of the climbing wall.

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● For	16
● Against	10
● Abstain	3



Motion passed.

3. MOTION DEBATE 2: TRIP HOODIES
11:25 – 11:40

Whether there should be a trip hoodie?

- There should be one hoodie for every single trip as there is too much cost
- One trip hoodie
- Easier to identify people on a school trip
- Safely identify young people on the trip
- Optional expense and only around £25 for a hoodie
- Would this hoodie be purchased and worn in class
- Good idea
- Cost of purchasing a hoodie

VOTE

The following motions were voted on and the results are included below.

2. That this Pupil Parliament supports the idea of school trips having a hoodie.

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● For	19
● Against	1
● Abstain	6



Motion passed.

3. That this Pupil Parliament supports that there should be one optional hoodie for all school trips.

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For	6
Against	14
Abstain	6



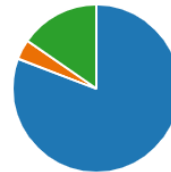
Motion not passed.

4. That this Pupil Parliament supports that each trip should be able to offer an optional school hoodie for that school trip.

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For	21
Against	1
Abstain	4



Motion passed.

4. ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT: THE KINROSS WAY
11:40 – 12:05

Address to Parliament by Mr MacBeath, Depute Headteacher on The Kinross Way

The purpose of this debate is to provide pupil views on what is most important regarding teaching and learning and to debate and discuss views on this.

Key questions to consider:

- What are the things that teachers do that you think are important?
- What do you think teachers should know?

Debate key themes:

- Pupils are keen for learning interactively with more opportunities for games
- Some pupils prefer being told things rather than interacting
- Prefer different teachers teaching different ways. Likes a variety of teaching strategies.
- Important that discussion is encouraged as quite often young people like discussing and teaching their peers
- Practical activities support learning and being shown how to learn is important too
- It is important to have a variety
- Even for higher level, it is important to keep in interactive elements

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In literary subjects, it is good to have debates where ideas are shared to provide higher engagement - In N5 and Higher it is important to have a structure - It is important for young people to know what they are going to learn - Pupils enjoying being able to teach other pupils - It very much depends on the individual learning - There can be a variety in lessons to engage learners in different ways - Retaining information is really important - Learning styles e.g. active <p>Key question themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will there be Advanced Highers in the Social Subjects corridor? - How can young people be supported to access online learning whilst completing at another campus? <p>The Kinross Way</p> <p>Mr MacBeath asked for feedback on the Kinross Way elements. This included Connect, Activate, Challenge and Review.</p>	
5.	<p>MOTION DEBATE 3: BETTER SCHOOL MEALS 12:05 – 12:30</p>	<p>Motion 3 will be taken forward in the next meeting of the Pupil Parliament.</p>	