The Parent Council of Denny High School

Meeting Date: Wednesday 5th November at 1800 hrs

In Attendance: Paul Dunn (PD) (HT), Mandy Hancock (MH) (Secretary), Linda Passmore (LP), Julie McClurg (JMcC), Claire Kennedy (CK), Louise Williamson (LW)

Apologies: Louise Sutherland (LS), Julie Chambers (JC), Joanne Paterson (JP) (DHT)

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PD opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Debbie Kirkwood had resigned as Parent Council Chair in June 2025. PD advised that he had contacted Falkirk Council to let them know and confirmed that he would take on the role as Chair for the foreseeable future (until a suitable replacement is found).

3. PARENT COUNCIL ACCOUNTS – STATEMENT UPDATE – LINDA PASSMORE (TREASURER)

LP advised that there had been no changes to the account balance since September 2025 and that the online account was still to be set-up (PD needs to sign the form). The current balance is £2138.83. LP confirmed that she will also go down as signatory on the account.

LP advised that the balance included payments from Foundation Scotland, Falkirk Council and the remaining balance from the PayPal account for 50/50 draw in 2024. PD advised that another annual payment from Falkirk Council was due and that he would contact Paul Wilcox.

4. FOREIGN TRIPS

There are various trips currently being organised for the 2025/2026 term. It was agreed that procedure should be put in place where foreign trips are discussed and be overseen by PD. PD advised that he would get details for the trips for this year and next and going forward, would arrange for all trips to be released at the same time to allow parents to decide which trip would be suitable for their child.

5. PUPIL ATTENDANCE

PD advised that since covid, pupil attendance has never got back to where it should be with pupils having random days off. PD advised that he would be doing a month and on month reminder about pupil attendance.

6. FUNDRAISING BID – STEM LEADERSHIP

Katie Sharp from the STEM Committee had requested £500 from the Parent Council funds for the STEM Ambassadors. Stem Ambassadors are pupils who attend various primary schools within the area doing experiments, sharing skills etc. This accreditation is equivalent of a N5/Higher accreditation. The Parent Council approved the request. PD will arrange for a cheque to be issued.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd December @ 1830.

8. AOCB

N/A.