Denny High School Parent Council

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10th June 2025

The Parent Council is a group of parents who represent parental views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils. Having a Parent Council allows the collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest.

During Year 2024-5, the Parent Council was grateful for the support of the parents and carers who and to the staff members who attended. The Parent Council meets approximately 5 times per year with all meeting dates agreed at the AGM. As Head Teacher, Paul Dunn has made efforts to find a clear role for the Parent Council in his plans to improve the school experience for our children. This was clearly recognised in the recent HMIe Inspection Report. The Parent Council was used as a sounding board for several new policies and initiatives in the school and members were pleased with this consultative approach.

Summary of issues that the Parent Council was consulted on, informed of, and participated in during the Year 2024-5.

- Detailed discussion of Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) results and school performance
- Issues with school buses and school travel
- Staffing changes
- Input into the recent school HMIe Inspection
- Fundraising initiatives began
- Agreements on funding allocations

Funding

This year's focus has been to re-establish the Parent Council Funding and bank account. Signatories have been agreed and the process of opening a new account is underway and once approved the application for funding from Falkirk Council was made. A 50/50 prize draw was held to raise funds for the parent council to support school activities such as the request received from the Drama Department for the funding of £500 for lighting to be purchased for the Gregory's Girl show to be held in the school. The request was taken to a vote by the Parent Council which was held in favour of the money being used.

Membership

The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their secondary schooling and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer.

If you are interested in becoming a member please join us at the AGM or get in touch: E-mail: parent.council@dennyhigh.falkirk.sch.uk

All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Updates from the Parent Council and minutes of all meetings are available on the school website https://dennyhighschool.co.uk/families/parent_council/parent_council.htm

We will continue to use the Parent Council Twitter to keep you informed @ParentDhs. Parents who have provided us with their email address will receive communications as well. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the email distribution list. Dates for all meetings in 2025-26 will be confirmed at the AGM.