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Russet welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members and started proceedings electing new or current members into roles. Karen explained a little about the role of the Chairperson. We decided to make a new role; Co-Chairperson, where a person can sit in this role and learn and work with the chair and vice chair.

Elections:

Chairperson: Russet Turnbull

1st- Laura Weir

2nd- Natalie Fleming

Co-Chair: Ana Garcia

1st Suzie L

2nd Deirdre Harper

Vice Chair: Louise Smail

Louise was absent from the AGM, this is to be discussed at the next meeting

Treasurer: Laura Weir

1st Natalie Dickson

2nd Ana Garcia

Secretary: Natalie Dickson

1st Laura Weir

2nd Natalie Fleming

Spoke about their being a co-secretary, Leanne Whiteley volunteered to take on this role.

Co-Secretary: Leanne Whiteley

1st Natalie Fleming

2nd Laura Weir

We discussed the parent council constitution and the way in which we do things. Going forward we are going to construct a proper agenda for the meetings and make sure they have been circulated before the meeting. The minutes and agenda will be available for all on the school website.

Laura Weir has agreed to appoint someone to audit our accounts and to form a treasurer report for each of the meetings which will be added to the minutes.

Russet thanked everyone for standing in their roles and attending the AGM.

Meeting closed at 6.25pm

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Karen Dixon took us through her head teachers report:

Headteacher's report for Parent Council 17th September 2026

Staffing update (since last meeting)

We have 2 new staff in ELC, as we have had an increase in applications for places, so we will have up to 63 children in ELC (of which up to 10 are 2 year olds). Ms Bethany Smail is joining us full time and Rebecca Sherrat on Monday – Wednesdays.

Budget

The school budget will be pressured again in this session. This reflects the wider pressures on Council budgets. We have less DSM than we have had.

The PEF (premium equity funding) awarded to Edenside for 25/26 is estimated at £43, 000 (after taking into account a 10% reduction for admin costs to SBC, a slight overspend and that the funding may end in March 2027). There is an amount per child registered as eligible for FSM that the funding is based on. The money is to be used for these targeted children to reduce the attainment gap. The funding is from April 2026 – April 2027. We plan to use our money to

- Have a PSA working with children (and families) to support wellbeing
- We have an Early Years Practitioner to support Early Literacy and Numeracy in P1, and P2 year groups.
- Supporting reading, spelling and numeracy with identified groups of children, including purchasing appropriate resources.
- have a small fund which can be used to support families to pay towards school trips, equipment, swimming lessons etc where required.

Ordered by the school, as payments agreed last year at PC:

Items ordered – Clevertouch board for P6/7 classroom £2064.01 + fitting fee of £495

Reading scheme books - £2114.86 as agreed last year

£500 still to spend on decodeable books

Totalling commitments of £5173.87

Requests:

- Coach for P6 pantomime trip (£332.80 + 2 adult tickets @£30ea - £392.80 total). Parents to pay £15/ticket. Kings Theatre, Edinburgh as The Maltings is still getting refurbished. Pinocchio. (There is no other trip cost request to parents for P6.)
- £195 towards online elibrary subscription (no reading bookbags – how parents access books)
- £150 CASH for cooking ingredients
- £100 CASH for Woodland Wednesdays
- £1000 towards next part of reading scheme
- £1000 towards playground development – boxes
- Pricing ReadingWise
  Decoding (plus Zip and Vocab free) - two classes Whole school £787 1yr; £1180 2 yr; £1416 (equates to £472pa) ** Pricing valid until 30th October 2026 Typically three year subscriptions are paid at the start of the subscription but we could consider breaking into 2 or possibly 3 payments.

Total requests: £4253.80

SIR/SIP

Full reports will be available on the school website shortly.

SIP Summary

Areas for Improvement 2025-26			
	Improve / New ò *Think key priority* *Action plans needed for these*	**Consolidating / Continue** ò *Think 'embed, expand'* *Building on previous activity*	**Explore / Understand** ò *Think 'questions, wicked issues'* *May be key priorities next session*
Learning, teaching, assessment	• Within Creativity / Play – develop tracking of meta skills	• Differentiation • Assessment data used to support and challenge	• Evaluate current moderation approached
Inclusive practices	• Review the 'be the best you can be' policy.	• Continue to use fix it folders to support restorative conversations • Use solution circles to support individual children	• How do we balance and manage neuroafirming environments with highly disruptive and dysregulated behaviour?
Curriculum	• Writing (CYPIC) • Creativity	• Embed reading approaches • Reading for enjoyment	• CIC – be responsive as this develops

Leadership	•	•	•
Early Learning & Childcare	• Writing – mark making • Creativity and play • Be the best you can be Policy • Engage with new Quality Improvement Framework	• Embed early literacy and numeracy approaches within key worker groups • Observations – high quality	

Mrs Bryce Report: talked about play in the playground thinking about diversity and open-ended opportunities for the children at play time. The school as introduced Lego, cars, ramps, craft materials, Funky Fridays, mash up Mondays and Tuesday tunes. The new additions to play time have been warmly received by the children.

Problem being with Winter approaching – could really do with sheltered areas to have some of these resources- make dens with tarpaulins etc but would like solid wooden frames. Asking for around £1000 to go towards this.

We were all in agreement however would be once the parent council funds have built up a little – discussed using the shelters already in place at the doors of the schools in two areas.

Laura Weir then took us through the treasurer Report.

Assault course £5256.60

Easter Disco £385.00

Balance £5641.60

Expenditure £5633.35

Upcoming events:

'Comfies' Day – Friday 25th September

Halloween Disco – Thursday 29th October

Parents Evening- parent council table 11th& 12th November

Christmas 50/50 draw

Christmas Cards

Christmas Fayre- Friday 4th December

Rac course collection- Sunday 6th December

Suzie agreed to make posters to advertise above.

A.O.B

Karen discussed how the school is changing the way they share photos on Facebook and informed us that the working hours of the Excellence and Equity lead practitioner have been reduced to only one and a half days instead of 3 days- big concern.

Also asked if anyone would like to volunteer to record themselves reading a novel to create more talking books for the school to use.

Next meting scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November.

Russet thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 7.30pm