

Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

Monday 21st November at 7:30pm

Present – Janette Watson, Evelyn Dickson, Carolyn Steeds, Diane McLaughlan, Hilary Davis, Caroline Wilson, Lesley Hamilton, Elaine Gregor, Elaine Hamilton, Cheryl Percy, Sandy Smellie, Fiona McKinnon, Jaclyn Lennon, Ruby Davidson, John Hinton, Liz Cunningham, Vivien Townsley, Wendy Hall, Jacqui Agnew, Patti Owens, Robert Knox, Margaret Pollock, Robert Birch

Apologies – Jim Wales, Lesley Ireland, Irene McKenna, Fiona Hannah

Chairman's Remarks – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming everyone present and introducing Dominic Farr who is leading the school's GLOW development team.

Presentation – Dominic gave a very informative presentation on GLOW, the national educational intranet. The system can be accessed either within or outwith school. With three levels of information – national, local authority or school – each pupil, member of staff or parent will be given their own unique log-in code and password.

A great deal of time has been expended by staff within the school on training and developing the service and it has a phased implementation strategy. Staff access is now available with S4-S6 access in December 2011, S2-S3 in April/May 2012, S1 in May/June 2012 and parental access planned for June 2012.

Dominic concluded the presentation with an enjoyable musical demonstration of the practical applications of the system.

Minutes – The minutes from the previous meeting held on 24th October 2011 were proposed by John Hinton and seconded by Fiona McKinnon.

Matters arising:

- Annual audit – Margaret confirmed that the accounts had been signed off by the auditor who had made some recommendations for alterations to the presentation of future accounts.
- Raffle tickets – books of tickets for the Christmas raffle had been issued to pupils. All pupils who sell a book of tickets will be entered into a separate prize draw.

Correspondence – No new correspondence

Treasurer's Report – Fiona had submitted her apologies

Fundraising – A group of members and the committee met after the last meeting to discuss potential fund-raising opportunities. We will explore involvement of the PTA at the school Spring Concert in March 2012

Constitution - A new PTA Constitution was presented to the meeting. Liz highlighted the alterations from the previous version discussed at the September meeting. The wording of the new constitution was unanimously accepted. The constitution was then unanimously adopted on the understanding that it supersedes any previous constitution which may have existed.

School Matters – Robert advised the following:

- Staff
 - Morag Mollon has been appointed as Acting PT of Business Education and took up her post on 21 November 2011.
 - Angela Boyd from Modern Languages has been appointed to a new post in St Ambrose in Coatbridge and the resultant vacancy will be advertised.
 - No replacement will be sought meantime in Maths although every class is being covered by a Maths teacher
- Industrial Action – EIS have voted to take strike action on 30 November. Parents are advised to check the school website for up-to-date information.
- Curriculum for Excellence – There are significant changes coming which will have an impact, particularly for our current S1. Robert confirmed that our current S2 pupils will have early presentations and sit standard grades rather than the new National 4/5 certificates. Robert presented the school's Curriculum for Excellence Implementation Plan which will be discussed with S1 parents at a special parents' night on 17 January 2012.
- The Remembrance Service was well attended.
- Le Mirage has donated a cheque to the Parent Council and money will be used to buy chairs for the Social Area.
- A buzzer entry system is currently being installed.

Next Meeting - The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 9 January 2012. However, as this is the first day back from the Christmas holidays, the next meeting will now be held on Monday 20th February 2012 at 7.30pm.

Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.