

# Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

## Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7:30pm**

**Present** – Margaret Pollock, Evelyn Dickson, Jacqueline Friel, Janette Watson, Jacqui Agnew, Kerry Mackay, Anthony Paterson, Morag Beattie, Wendy Hall, Diane McLaughlan, Margaret McKendrick, Audrey Graham, Cheryl Percy, Caroline Wilson, Therese Kimbayo, Alison Chrystie, Elaine Richardson, Elaine Spreckley, Pamela Crombie, Vivien Townsley, Anne-Marie Gray, Lesley Crawford, David Shaw, Liz Cunningham, John Hinton, Julie McLeod, Jaclyn Lennon, Elaine Hamilton, Elaine Gregor, Lesley Hamilton, Robert Birch

**Apologies** – Fiona Hannah, Patti Owens, Melissa Ferguson

**Chairman's Remarks** – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of this session.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting on Monday 14 May 2012 were approved by John Hinton and seconded by Julie McLeod

**Aims of the PTA** – Margaret outlined the main aims of the PTA which are to:

- Give parents an opportunity to meet with senior staff and other parents to discuss all aspects of school life and share information
- Explore topics of interest and concern to parents – eg GLOW, Curriculum for Excellence, option choices etc
- Fundraise

**Matters arising from meeting on 14 May 2012** – None

**Correspondence** – Margaret had received an emailed newsletter from SPTC (Scottish Parent and Teacher Council) with information on various reports and conferences which may be of interest to parents. The newsletter will be uploaded onto the school website to ensure it is available to all parents. Robert agreed to highlight this in his next school newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** – Fiona had submitted her apologies – a report will be given at the next meeting

**School Matters** – Robert advised the following:

1. Staffing - New staff joining the school this term

English Dept	Erin Keenan Damian Gilhooly Pamela Dodd ( maternity cover )
Modern Languages	Louise Stewart
PT of Work , Enterprise and Vocational Education	– Grant McCallum
Mathematics	James Bell ( probationer ) Alistair Russell ( p )
History	Morven Watt (p)
Geography	Rebecca Power (p)
Physics	David McLellan (p)
Mandarin	Shuming Kong (p)

We currently have a vacancy for maternity cover in Business Education.

2. School Roll - the school roll appears to have settled at 965. We now have a waiting list for pupils to enrol. One family were successful with an appeal against refusal of a Placing Request in S1
3. End of term went well with Choral Shield , Prizegiving being very successful. This year Prizegiving will be the week before Choral Shield.
4. The start of term has gone smoothly with pupils changing options etc
5. Preparations well underway for school show Hairspray - performances 8th-11<sup>th</sup> October tickets on sale soon.
6. SQA examination results – overall excellent – best ever performance in S3 and in S5. First wave of Appeals ( Higher) sent away. Next wave ( Standard Grade) going soon. Robert outlined these results in detail.
7. School toilets to be refurbished in October Holiday and week after. .
8. Pistoia Exchange – we will have visitors from Italy during September 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
9. Curriculum for Excellence
  - S3 pupils will sit Standard Grades at end of S3 as in previous years
  - S2 pupils have made option choices and will sit NATIONALS 4 and 5 at end of S4
  - S1 pupils – we are currently reviewing when they should make subject choices. Should it stay as S1 or move to S2. They will sit Nationals in S4.

Lots of work has already been done to update S1 and S2 courses in line with Curriculum for Excellence and S1 course information is on the school website. It is hoped to upload similar information for S2 in the near future.
10. Period by period registration is now in place for all year groups.
11. The school website ([www.dalzielhigh.org.uk](http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk)) has been updated. Parents are encouraged to make use of the information available through the website – school policies, curriculum, weekly and monthly newsletters, minutes of PTA etc. Parents can register to receive electronic copies of the Rector’s newsletters.
12. Jaclyn Lennon updated parents on the progress of the creation of the Profiles which pupils require for Curriculum for Excellence.

**Future presentations** – One of the aims of the PTA is information gathering on various topics – recently we have enjoyed presentations on GLOW, pupil support, My World of Work (Skills Development Scotland), Curriculum for Excellence. Parents are encouraged to let the committee know of any topics of interest or concern which they would like to have more information on.

**School Show** – Following the success of offering teas and coffees at the Spring Concert, the committee hope to offer this for all four nights of the school show. Volunteers are required. Please see the committee for more information.

**Committee** – Due to work commitments, Fiona Hannah is unable to continue in the post of treasurer. Julie McLeod (current vice chair) has indicated that she is willing to take on the role with Liz Cunningham (committee member) moving back into the role of vice chair. Margaret requested that anyone else wishing to join the committee or take up these roles contact her before the next meeting at which we can vote on the appointments.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 12 November 2012. Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.