

Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

Monday 12th November 2012 at 7:30pm

Present – Janette Watson, Lesley Wales, Jacqueline Friel, Cheryl Percy, Elaine Gregor, Margaret McKendrick, Audrey Graham, Elaine Spreckley, Anthony Paterson, Robert Know, Morag Beattie, Elaine Hamilton, Jacqui Agnew, Patti Owens, Jaclyn Lennon, Julie McLeod, Robert Birch, Margaret Pollock, Evelyn Dickson

Apologies – Fiona Hannah, Wendy Hall, John Hinton, Liz Cunningham, Caroline Wilson, Lesley Hamilton

Chairman's Remarks – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30

Minutes – Minutes of the meeting on Monday 10 September 2012 were approved

Correspondence – letter received from Trutex Schoolwear in Wishaw – Robert to review level of donations etc offered

Treasurer's Report – Due to work commitments, Fiona Hannah had tendered her resignation as treasurer. The group accepted Fiona's resignation and thanked her for her work in this role over a number of years.

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 Pollock proposed Julie McLeod as treasurer – seconded by Elaine Gregor. Liz Cunningham was proposed as vice chair by Margaret and seconded by Cheryl Percy. 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.

School Matters – Robert advised the following:

1. Staffing :

In Mathematics we recently appointed Julie Cairns and Dr Leigh Ann Scott
In English (some Drama) we appointed Pamela Dodd to a permanent post.

Maternity cover

Drama Claire Kelly – cover Bill McGuinness

Bus. Education - Sylvia Dickson returned on Monday 5th November

Louise Kerr returns on Monday 19th November

Chemistry – it has been problematic getting Maternity cover for Katie Toner. We are changing the timetable using existing staff to minimise the disruption.

2. Remembrance Service went very well on Sunday 11 November 2012

3. Budget Cuts – NLC have now provided a number of Q and A sheets and copies are available for information

4. Recent Events:

School Show – Hairspray went very well. Good performances and large number of pupils benefited from taking part. Due to large audience numbers, changing the venue of the school show had been considered by staff but moving to the Civic Theatre would remove the ability of pupils to become involved with lighting, sound etc so this option was discounted.

Halloween Dance S5/6 well attended and conduct excellent.

S1 House Trips have taken place to M&Ds Bowling.

Inter-House Public Speaking competition went well Tuesday 6th November. Greig won the House prize and Emma Williams won best individual speaker.

5. Appeals are now in for Standard Grade and Intermediate.
6. Period by period registration now fully implemented
7. Using SEEMIS for tracking and Monitoring pupil progress now being implemented for S4,5,6.
8. Customer Service Excellence Award being re-visited by Robert Sullivan later this month.
9. The refurbishment of the toilets now completed and a number of areas around the school are getting new flooring.

Presentation – Jennifer DiMambro gave a full presentation on all areas of Curriculum for Excellence: its purpose, how it will be delivered, the curriculum areas, experiences & outcomes, assessment, interdisciplinary learning etc

Future presentations – Parents are encouraged to let the committee know of any topics of interest or concern which they would like to have more information on.

Fundraising –

1. Over £130 was raised selling teas and coffees at the school show and this is something the PTA are keen to develop. This takes the PTA account to approx. £672. Robert will consult the pupil council for suggestions for items which could be donated by the PTA.
2. Christmas raffle – to ensure raffle tickets were delivered to the school in time for issue to pupils before S3 embarked on their study leave, the committee had to make some decisions regarding the raffle. Looking back at figures from recent years, the committee felt that a lot of hard work and effort was expended on the raffle (from staff, office staff, PT and pupils) and the returns were not great. Historically, tickets have been 20p each but the decision was made to increase ticket prices to 50p each. Also, the top prizes were changed from Christmas Hampers to gift vouchers as these were easier to arrange. The committee was mindful of the current economic climate but felt that an increase in ticket price was required. The situation will be reviewed at the next meeting to see if this has had any significant effect on number of tickets sold or funds raised. The committee will approach local businesses to explore options for donations of prizes also.

Next Meeting - Monday 14 January 2013. Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.