

Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

Monday 11th March 2013 at 7:30pm

Present – Liz Cunningham, Julie McLeod, Robert Birch, Vivien Townsley, Diane McLaughlan, Wendy Hall, Lesley Wales, Jacqueline Friel, Pamela Crombie, Elaine Hamilton, Anthony Paterson, Jacqui Agnew, Jaclyn Lennon, John Hinton, Robert Knox, Evelyn Dickson, Margaret Pollock

Apologies – Janette Watson, Elaine Gregor, Lesley Hamilton, Patti Owens, Elaine Dougan

Chairman's Remarks – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30

Minutes – Minutes of the meeting on Monday 14 January 2013 were approved by John Hinton and seconded by Jacqui Friel

Treasurer's Report – Julie McLeod presented her report highlighted the main points:

- All proceeds from Christmas raffle had been received
- Expenditure since last – SPTC membership (£62.00) and purchase of teapots/airpots (£125.76)
- Julie and Margaret presented a cheque for £900 to Robert Birch for the minibus fund
- Known expenditure still to come - £450.00 donation to pupils towards costs of Choral Shield (£150/house), £20 for gambling licence for Christmas Raffle
- Next fundraising event will be sale of tea/coffee and raffle at Spring Concert in March

School Matters – Robert advised the following:

1. Staffing
 - a. Louise McCarron and Gillian Douglas (both English Dept) return from Maternity Leave on Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March. Mr Derek Williams (Supply) will leave on Friday 22nd March.
 - b. Claire Kelly PT Drama should return from Maternity leave on Thursday 28th March.
2. S2 Pupils have had the opportunity to change their options by contacting Miss Lennon. So far approx. 40-50 enquiries
3. I have met with Paul Corrigan NLC and agreed an S1 intake for August of 180 pupils.
4. Our Spring Concert has been moved from Monday 25th March to Tuesday 26th March due to a clash with the NLC Concert.
5. We will host a visit from two members of Education Scotland on Tuesday 26th March. The focus of the visit will be ' Creativity ' . They will visit 5 lessons and hold a number of discussion groups with pupils and with staff.
6. We have agreed to host a visit from a group of German pupils from Schweinfurt later this month.
7. The annual Health Fayre has started well. Opened by Rona Corkindale , Captain of Scotland's Basketball Team . The theme this year is Switch It – Ditch It e.g. Switch to Fruit – Ditch the Sweets.
8. NLC will be supplying the school with 100 new computers over the next few months.
9. School show will be "Back to the 80s" and auditions are underway

10. The cost saving measures agreed by NLC were presented however several items still require to have more information on what the implications of the proposals are. Robert will keep us updated.
11. Uniform – an email from Le Mirage was distributed and a full discussion on uniform was held. The school in general, and PTA in particular, are appreciative of the donations made throughout the years and welcomed Ailsa's explanations as to the higher cost of the larger sized blazers (VAT is applied by the Government to blazers over 37").

War Memorial Trust – In his capacity as chairman of the War Memorial Trust, Robert gave a full presentation of the history of the trust, the current committee, sports facilities available at Dalziel Park, the variety of groups and organisations using the facility, operating costs and the complex funding package with funding from many sources. He also outlined the work requiring to be carried out to ensure the continued operation of Dalziel Park – there are two synthetic pitches which require replacement. The WMT committee is working hard to ensure that funding is available for the works and the day-to-day operation. Margaret thanked Robert for his presentation giving us more information about the work of the War Memorial Trust and the challenges it is facing.

AGM – The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 13 May 2013. Margaret will be resigning from the committee. Although all of the other committee members are eligible for re-election, at least one new member is required and members are encouraged to consider volunteering for the committee – please speak to any member of the current committee for more information. Robert will contact the music department to arrange entertainment for the AGM.

Spring Concert – The Spring Concert is on Tuesday 26 March 2013 and volunteers are required to help on the night serving tea/coffee and selling raffle tickets. Raffle prizes will be drawn at the show's interval, announced at the start of the second half and prizes available for collection at the end of the night. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. If you have any raffle prizes, please let Margaret or Evelyn know.

Fundraising – After the Spring Concert, the next fundraising event will be the annual quiz night. Over recent years, attendance has been disappointing and the meeting discussed possible reasons for this – insufficient information in publicity materials, choice of evening, location of event. The opinions expressed in the meeting seemed to suggest that:

- Friday evening would be better than Monday although we may have increased costs for a school let
- More information should be issued about the quiz night explaining its informal nature, adult only, format etc
- Selling tickets in advance would give a better indication of the numbers expected on the evening
- School social area was a good location

The committee will meet to discuss the quiz night and will issue information as soon as possible to allow adequate planning for the event. Details will be confirmed at the AGM.

Next Meeting - Monday 13 May 2013. Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.