

MINUTES

Dalziel High School Parents Information Evening

09/11/2015 @ 19:30

In Attendance

Evelyn Dickson, Elaine Hamilton, Lesley Wales, Wendy Hall, Alison Kerr, Lorna Thomson, Melanie Buckley, Valerie Thomson, Donna McInnes, Joyce Gass, Sandra Ferguson, Joanne Morrison, Susan Malcolm, Patti Owens, Jacqui Agnew, Leeann Rattigan, Karen Lannigan, Ruth Logan, Diane McLaughlan, Lesley Shearer, Julie McLeod, Lynn Kelly.

Apologies

Paula Jeffrey.

Welcome

Evelyn Dickson called the meeting to order by thanking all the parents for their attendance, and confirmed the previous minutes had been posted to the schools website for all to view.

Evelyn also reiterated that the schools website was full of useful information and that you can view the schools calendar of events right up to June 2016, so you can always be aware of what is up and coming in the months ahead.

Our next fundraising event on the calendar is the Xmas Raffle; every child has now been sent home with one book of five tickets (£1.00 per ticket), to sell and return as soon as possible, Karen Lannigan gave a brief overview of the fantastic prizes you can win, which include £100 EK vouchers (1st Prize), Luxury blow dry with head, neck and shoulder massage, driving lesson for a child (from 13 years and above), to a meal at the Moorings Hotel; A full list of prizes and donators will be posted to the website shortly.

Rector's Report

Rector Robert Birch presented his report, copy of the full report can be found under the news column on the website, alternatively why not Subscribe to receive the Rector's Monthly newsletter direct to your inbox.

Items covered

- **Staffing** – If anyone knows of a History Teacher looking for a new position, please feel free to get in Touch with Mr Birch.
- **School Show**
- **NLC** – Standardising the school day
- **School Review** – Positive verbal feedback given, awaiting written report
- **Budget Cuts** – Separate Appendix (2) was supplied and discussed with regarding to the proposed budgets cuts that the council are revisiting, it was noted that every resident in North Lanarkshire will be getting notification of what options are up for consultation, a report should be finalized by Feb 2016 and submitted for a decision to be made by the Committee around March 2016.
We would encourage every parent to consider how these proposed cuts will impact their children, more information on this subject can be sought from:

www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/budget

- **Attainment Interviews** – S6 interviews have now been completed, after prelims R Birch will commence a second interview, S5 interviews are underway and S4 interviews will be starting in two weeks' time.
- **Directorate Visit** – On Tuesday 24th November Isobel Boyd & HT & CIO will visit the school.
- **Visitors from Kosovo** – 12 No of educational officials will be visiting the school and speaking to some of the pupils on Thursday 12th November.
- **School Trips** – Up and coming school trips
- **Inter-house Public Speaking competition** – Will take place in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday 10th November, everyone is invited to this event, it is free to attend and will start at 19:00.

R Birch invited both J Agnew & P Owens to talk more in-depth about the services currently available to pupils by both Support for Learning and Pupil Support:

Support for Learning – Jacqui Agnew - Deputy Support Teacher, advised that at present the school has 30 pupils that are hearing impaired to which they have 9 trained teachers to support them. SFL has 1 teacher and a number of ASNA's (Assistant for specific disabilities such as mobility, and supporting pupils with class work), and classroom assistants (Admin support for class teachers).

SFL carry out HEART Transitions from primary school (p7) which cover learning, medical & physical needs for pupils in order that this information is carried forward with the pupil to High School.

They carrying out screenings and liaise with other agencies eg. Ed. Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist.

J Agnew also asked if there is any parent that would like to offer their time for pupils that require a scribe/screener at exam time to get in touch.

Pupil Support - Patti Owens – Principal Support Teacher, Advised there are three principal teachers that cover the three houses in Dalziel, Pupil support covers both the pupils personal needs alongside their educational support.

They follow GIRFEC (Getting it right for every child), and liaise with CALMS in Airbles Road, Motherwell to which full family support is available.

Health & Wellbeing topics covered are: Healthy Eating, Sexual/Relationships and Drugs.

Both the SFL Policies and Wellbeing Policies are on the school website for everyone to view, if you have a concern/issue regarding your child then please do not hesitate to contact them to discuss these matters of concern in further detail.

Tutor System – P Owens also noted that Dalziel's Tutor system has been categorized as sector leading, this is lead and guided by the 3 principal teachers through to each Tutor who will oversee 18 pupils from S1 to S6. For more complex issues the Principal Teacher can also work alongside the Tutor.

More information on both departments are available through the schools website, links below:

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/departments/support-for-learning.html>

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/departments/pupil-support.html>

Treasure's Reports

Fundraising raised from the recent school show was £707.93, a massive thank you to everyone who bought raffles tickets.

Upcoming Events



Xmas Raffle – Ticket books have now been sent home with all pupils, so search those bags and get your ticket returned for your chance to win some fantastic prizes just in time for Xmas. If you require any additional tickets your son/daughter can make a request through Julie Moran in the Math's Department.

If you can donate anything or know of a company who would like to make a donation to the raffle then please get in touch by emailing us at dalziel-pta@live.co.uk for more information.

Next Meeting

11th January 2016 @ 19:30 – It was proposed by E Dickson that the budget cuts be the focus of the next meeting and would invite anyone with concerns to join the discussion with the view of the PTA compiling a letter of concern to NLC.
