
In Attendance

Evelyn Dickson, Jan Chalmers, Elaine Hamilton, Lesley Wales, Wendy Hall, Alison Kerr, Lorna Thomson, Melanie Buckley, Valerie Thomson, Joyce Gass, Joanne Morrison, Patti Owens, Jacqui Agnew, Leeann Rattigan, Karen Lannigan, Lesley Shearer, Paula Jeffreys, Jacqui Friel, David Forson.

Apologies

Dian McLaughlin, Lynn Forrest, Sandra Ferguson.

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.

Actions from November's minutes: A letter was to be compiled and issued to NLC on behalf of the PTA regarding the proposed councils budget cuts, Evelyn advised everyone that because the cutoff date for all objections had to be submitted before the 16.12.15, she had compiled a letter on behalf of everyone and emailed it to the council highlighting the concerns for such items as Class room assistants, Support for Learning, etc. as it was felt that the cuts proposed were in direct conflict with the protection services for vulnerable children/young adults. Evelyn also stipulated that it was highly disappointing that there was no mention of how the Council could propose to increase revenue to cover some of these required cuts. The response from the council hinted at the possibility of extra savings through the Scottish Government.

Christmas Raffle: The Christmas raffle has raised £1015.90, taking off associated cost (tickets & Prize money), left a grand total of £893.00 to be added to the PTA fund.

Jan Chalmers noted a comment that came from a recent school departmental meeting on the very poor uptake of senior pupil's willingness to even take the tickets home to their parents, even though a large proportion of the money raised through the Christmas raffle is donated to the senior pupils for the Coral Shield costumes. Everyone was disappointed to hear this and the group discussed how best to go forward, suggestions made were on how we could possibly involve the House Captains with an incentive for the house that sold the most tickets.

Evelyn proposed the PTA donation amount of £200.00 per house for the Coral Shield costumes fund, it was agreed by all. A cheque was handed over to R Birch at the end of the meeting.

Jan Chalmers added the Burns Supper takes place on Monday 25 January. All S5/6 pupils and staff are warmly welcomed to an excellent evening of Burns' poetry and musical recitals celebrating the life and work of the great Bard. The evening kicks off at 6.30 pm in the Social Area and tickets are priced at £8.00, which includes a three course supper.

Link below highlights the upcoming event information/dates for items such as S1 Parents evening, SQA Examination Prelims and dates for your diary and much more.

<https://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/newsletter/798-january-2016-newsletter.html>

- Tuesday 19 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Wednesday 20 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Thursday 21 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Monday 25 January - Burns Supper
- Monday 25 January - S4 Reports Issued
- Thursday 28 January - S1 Parents' Evening
- Friday 29 January - S5/6 Reports/Option Sheets Issued
- Wednesday 3 February - S5/6 Prelims Begin
- Monday 8 February – Holiday

- Tuesday 9 February - Holiday
- Wednesday 10 February - In-Service Day
- Tuesday 16 February - S2 Reports/Option Sheets Issued
- Friday 19 February - S5/6 Prelims End

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.

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- **Staffing**
- **Christmas Arrangements** – R Birch noted that this year's S5/6 Christmas dance had instances of pupils drinking alcohol both before and on the school premises, which involved 4 pupils parents being contacted to collect their children, measures will need to be reviewed in light of this for next year.
- **Burns Supper**
- **IT System Upgrade** – Newsletter will be issued to all parents with more information
- **Customer Service Excellence Awards** – Verbal feedback was excellent, written report will be issued by R Birch once received.
- **SQA Awards**
- **S1 Parents Evening** – R Birch advised all S1 parents who do not get an appointment with the high volume subjects like English, Math's, etc. can leave their contact details either at the school office on the night or email the school direct, this request will then be passed on to the subject teacher who will advise you if a one to one appointment is required.
- **NLC standardizing the school week** – R Birch advised that every school will now operate a 33 period week > No change to DHS timetable as this is already in operation. Day Length – Again no change as DHS is already operating at the new time schedule, possible shift of starting/finishing times (moved back to 08:50 instead of 08:55), R Birch will confirm if this is to go ahead. Subject numbers have been confirmed as 7, this is likely to commence when the current S2 move into S3, current S3 going into S4 will continue with 8

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National Testing – Subject was raised asking if the school had been given any more information regarding this, R Birch advised the school had not received anything further on this subject through the NLC channels but assured everyone as soon as this information is passed down he would make it available for all.

S1 Settling in report – R Birch confirmed that all settling in reports have now gone out, S1 parents night appointment letters have been given to all the children and that the S1 full report will be issued further in the year.

Treasure's Reports

Fundraising raised from the recent Christmas raffle was £1015.90, a massive thank you to everyone who bought raffles tickets.

Upcoming Events

Fundraising: Upcoming events are for the spring concert in March, to which you have the opportunity to come along and volunteer to cover the Raffle sales or Tea's & Coffees, also if you have any unwanted Christmas presents you would like to donate they would be gratefully received, collections for these can be brought to the next PTA meeting on 14.3.2016 or handed into the School office for the attention of the PTA.

Quiz Night: Evelyn asked if everyone was happy to run this night again this year, previous years had been successful, last year after a change of venue there was however a poor uptake of tickets, it was noted that the location of Fir Park Football Stadium where it had been previously held was thought to be very central for everyone, therefore may offer more appeal for people travelling to and from the night. Date of quiz to be confirmed at the next meeting.

As always if you have any ideas/suggestions for any other fundraising events we could hold, please feel free to email us at dalziel-pta@live.co.uk or even better come along to our next meeting where you can put forward your idea to the group.

Next Meetings

14th March 2016 @ 19:30

9th May 2016 @ 19:30 (AGM Meeting)

Meeting Closed
