

MINUTES

Dalziel High School Parents Information Evening

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14/03/2016 @ 19:30

In Attendance

Evelyn Dickson, Jacqui Agnew, Jan Chalmers, Anthony Paterson, Jacqui Friel, Lesley Wales, Lesley Shearer, Ruth Logan, Diane McLaughlan, Carolyn Steeds, Susan Malcolm, Sandra Ferguson, Wendy Hall, Paula Jeffreys, Elaine Hamilton, Karen Lannigan

Apologies

Leeann Rattigan, Caroline Wilson, Julie Mcleod, Laureen Vaughan, Patti Owens, Joanne Morrison

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.

Jacqui Friel, PTA treasurer, informed us that, after paying the deposit for the quiz night and gifting £200 to each house for the choral shield, the PTA fund stands at £1200. A cheque was presented to Mr Robert Birch and it was agreed to discuss what the money should be used for at the next meeting.

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.

<https://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/newsletter.html>

- **STAFFING-** R.Birch informed the group about some staffing changes, Caroline Bleach has been appointed acting DHT when Fiona Conboy goes on Maternity leave. The school now requires an acting PT of pupil support for Greig house and interviews will take place on Wednesday 16th March. The interviews for PT mathematics took place on Thursday 10th March and Dr Leigh-Ann Scott was appointed.
- **FOOTBALL KITS** - R.Birch informed the group that BIO CITY has recently donated 3 full sets of football kits to the school. These kits will go to good use for the Dalziel High School football teams.
- **HEALTH FAYRE** – This year a new format was introduced to make the event more active. The event comprised of 5 different stations featuring different activities such as rowing machines, resuscitation dolls etc. and the children were actively encouraged to spend 10 minutes at each station.
- **CAREERS FAYRE** - The Annual careers fayre took place last week and it was very well attended. This was attributed to getting the information about the event out there to parents/cares via text message. Some of the parents who attended the PTA meeting informed the group that “it was a great event” and “they found the whole experience to be very informative”
- **CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY-** All parents/careers have recently been informed by letter of the proposed changes to the school day which states the school day will start and end 5 minutes

later. The school has received no parental enquiries regarding the consultation of the proposed changes. These changes will take effect from August 2016.

- **OPTION CHOICES** – The recently proposed option choice are now official and all schools right across North Lanarkshire will now offer 7 examinable subjects. (as opposed to the 8 previously on offer at Dalziel)
- **HIGHERS/ADVANCED HIGHERS** – R.Birch spoke in detail about the new format when choosing Highers/ advanced Highers. All schools in the Motherwell area will now be working together with regards to their time table layout. This is to maximise the opportunities available to the students when choosing their subjects as they will now have the opportunity to do some Highers at another school – If Dalziel does not have enough students wanting to partake in a specific higher/ advanced higher J. Martin will be able to inform the student subjects other schools are running. The question was raised regarding Traveling times and how this might impact learning. R.Birch informed the group that all schools will be running similar subjects on the same columns. The school aims where possible to have these subjects either the first 2 periods, after break or after lunch to aid with traveling times and minimize interruptions to learning.
- **BUDGET CUTS**- R.Birch discussed the recent budget cuts in detail. The council had originally planned to set a two year budget but has agreed to a one year budget with £19 million in cuts. R.Birch explained that there are 3 types of savings – Corporate savings, base budget and consultation savings. A detailed list was provided to the parents/carers who attended the meeting which depicted how these cuts would affect the school.

General

SPRING CONCERT - Evelyn asked for volunteers to help with tea/coffees and raffle tickets for the spring concert which will be held on Tuesday 22nd March.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT – This year the PTA quiz night will be held on Friday 20th May in the Davie Cooper Suite at Fir Park (Motherwell Football stadium) as this proved to be the most popular venue in recent years. Bill McCallum will once again be our quiz master and it was proposed to include a DJ/entertainer after the quiz. This event is open to everyone and if you are interested in purchasing a ticket please contact us on the PTA email, or alternatively tickets will be on sale at the next PTA meeting.

RAFFLE DONATION – Evelyn reminded everyone that any donations for the raffles at the Spring concert or the quiz night could be brought along on the night or to the next PTA meeting.

S1 INTAKE EVENING – The S1 intake evening will be held on Tuesday 31st May. This event is used to inform new parents to the school of the PTA and what it is all about. It was agreed that plans for this event will be discussed at the next meeting.

EASTER EGG – The Easter Egg show is held in The Civic Centre and is performed each year by former pupils of Dalziel High and friends. This year the show will run from the 19th – 23rd April. Some members of the PTA will be attending the show on Friday 22nd of April and Evelyn invited anyone interested in attending to join us on this date. The tickets will cost £14.

Dalzielian – Evelyn spoke about this year's Dalzielian year book and informed us that the PTA has a page in it. The Dalzielian will be on sale in June and offers a great opportunity to catch up with all the events that happened in the school over the course of the year.

AGM/ENTERTAINMENT – The next meeting will be the PTA AGM meeting, and Evelyn asked if anyone would be interested in joining the PTA. If you would like to join the PTA or just find out more about what is involved please contact us on the PTA email provided. During this PTA meeting there will be musical entertainment provided by some of the talented students at Dalziel.

PREVIOUS YEARS' FUNDRAISING BY THE PTA

BAG PIPES – Last year the money raised by the PTA was presented to the school to aid them in purchasing bag pipes so as to encourage bag pipe lessons in the school. The school now has 12 boys/girls from S1 and S2 who attend bag pipe lessons on a Friday afternoon. The school now pays for a bag pipe instructor to attend the school and they were able to use the PTA money to buy the necessary equipment.

SPORTS KITS – The PTA also helped purchase new kit for use by various the Dalziel sports teams.

Mini Bus – In a previous year, the PTA raised money towards a new mini bus and we are pleased that school has now been able to purchase a new mini bus.

Evelyn closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and informing the group that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May at 7:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Spring Concert**
Tuesday, 22 March 2016
- **Public Holiday**
Friday, 25 March 2016
- **Public Holiday**
Monday, 28 March 2016
- **Church Service**
Thursday, 31 March 2016
- **Games morning**
Friday, 01 April 2016
- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Monday, 4th – Friday, 15th April 2016
- **Easter Egg Show**
Tuesday, 19th - Saturday 23rd April 2016
- **PTA Quiz night**
Friday, 20th May 2106
- **S1 intake**
Tuesday, 31st May 2016