

# MINUTES

Dalziel High School Parents Information Evening

16<sup>TH</sup> January 2017 @ 19:30

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## In Attendance

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Robert Birch, Jacqui Agnew, Jan Chalmers, Grant McCallum, Valerie Bolat, Donna McInnes, Lesley Shearer, Gillian Kirkwood, Karen Lannigan, Susan Malcolm, Sandra Ferguson, Leeann Rattigan, Christine Maule, Anthony Paterson, Julie McLeod, Heather Barrie, Lorna Thomson, Alison Kerr, Jacqui Friel, Evelyn Dickson, Elaine Hamilton, Diane McLaughlan, Joyce Gass, Lesley Wales, Kerry Ann Phillips, Joanne Morrison, .

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## Apologies

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Caroline Wilson, Ruth Logan.

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## Welcome

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Karen Lannigan opened the meeting by thanking all the parents for their attendance at tonight's meeting.

Karen highlighted to everyone that the meeting minutes are available on the School website, where you will also find useful links to the schools newsletters and School calendar:

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/community/parents-association.html>

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/latest-news.html>

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/school-calendar.html>

Karen also stated that a copy of the agenda for tonight's meeting had been circulated to all the parents that had provided an email address, however we had received notification that the agenda could not be opened which we will look into. If you have not received this or if you wish to be included in the circulation going forward then please just let us know at the end of the meeting.

Karen confirmed that Leeann had been in touch with Springfield property developers and has secured a sponsorship deal with them for the girls Netball Team. The PTA was delighted to receive a letter of thanks from the girls on the Netball Team.

The Christmas raffle has been and gone and the PTA would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket. This year we after costs raised a total of £1009.60. **A Cheque is to be issued to the PTA from the School.**

The PTA will continue to support the Coral Shield by donating £200 to each of the three houses. The PTA also for the first time held a raffle at the Coral Shield nights and donated £100 to St Andrews to which we have recently received a Thank you note.

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## Rector's Report

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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

Nicola Lewis (Biology) has moved to another School and we have appointed Natasha Douglas as our new Biology teacher. Natasha will start on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Allan Tweedie along with the other Science teachers to cover until Natasha takes up her new role.

Classroom assistants – Anne Walker has now left the Rona Whittaker will leave at the end of this week. These posts will not be replaced.

➤ **Parent Council**

The Parent Council met last week with Cllr Paul Kelly to discuss the condition of the building and urgent repairs. Cllr Kelly expressed his support for the school and is taking our concerns back to NLC. Parent Council is looking at urgent and non-urgent repairs to which a full list has been compiled by the target group as the building is in need of some serious repairs – This item is ongoing at present but future support could be called upon from the PTA.

➤ **School Refurbishments**

We have been told that the refurbishment of Home Economics will go ahead in the next financial year. The new Fire Alarm system and the new Burglar Alarm system are now operational. Work has been carried out at various locations on the school roof, although there is still some work to be completed on the ingress of water into a couple of classrooms, work is ongoing at present.

➤ **The Attainment Challenge – Closing the Gap**

We now have an Attainment Mentor to work with 8 pupils from S1 and S2. We have identified who the pupils will be and what are of support they will benefit from. In addition to this we have been allocated 0.4 FTE for someone to work with our associated Primary Schools in the transition programme again with an emphasis on closing the gap. Caroline Bleach (Acting DHT) will oversee this.

➤ **Support Visit**

Two Continuous Improvement Officers Phil McGhee and Morag Hay were here on 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November to observe lessons. The focus was on S1 and S2. **Hand out of the report was given out to all for any questions to be asked at the next meeting.**

➤ **S5/S6 Prelims**

The S5 and S6 prelims are currently on. This year the prelims are taking place during class time (double periods) without study leave – **Consensus was the children were better off in school having contact with the subject teachers if they had any questions.**

➤ **Burns Supper**

The date was moved to the 30<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are now on sale for £8.

➤ **Customer Service Excellence Award**

We had our annual inspection in December and are now awaiting the written report – Initial verbal feedback was good.

➤ **Parent Council**

There are two vacancies that have become available on the Parent Council, there are 4 names coupled with personal statements that will be posted out to all homes for you to vote on and post back to the school.

➤ **Dates for your Diary**

- Thursday 12 January - S4 Tracking Reports issued
- Thursday 19 January - S1 Parents' Evening
- Friday 20 January - S5/6 Prelims end
- Tuesday 24 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Wednesday 25 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Thursday 26 January - S4 Mock Interviews
- Monday 30 January - Burns Supper
- Tuesday 7 February - S2 Options issued
- Thursday 9 February - S4 Reports issued
- Monday 13 February - Holiday
- Tuesday 14 February - Holiday
- Wednesday 15 February - In-service Day
- Thursday 16 February - S5 Options issued
- Friday 17 February - S6 Options issued
- Wednesday 22 February - S3 Tracking Reports issued
- Thursday 23 February - S2 Parents' Evening

## ❖ Work Experience Presentation – Grant McCallum

Mr McCallum provided a hand out covering the opportunities available to the pupils and what areas he is currently working to expand.

### **Vocational Education**

**Enterprise**

**Wider Achievement**

**Wider Achievement Awards**

If you would like to receive a copy of this presentation, please contact Grant McCallum at the school.

Mr McCallum is currently working on forging new partnerships in a wide range of environments; Margaret Crow is currently assisting developing the young workforce.

Amec has been extremely supportive with the school through work experience placements and helping with the mock interviews.

R Birch supported that Mr McCallum is actively working very hard to achieve even more for the pupils and is currently looking into SQA recognition for work experience.

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## Treasure's Reports

Christmas Raffle raised £1009.60 after deducted costs.

£200 to be donated to each of the School houses for Coral Shield.

## Upcoming Events

### **Burns Supper**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, The staff and pupils from the school host an amazing Burns supper which is a delight to attend. There is entertainment and a supper included in the price of your ticket. To purchase a ticket please speak to the school.

### **Raffle Donations**

We are always looking for raffle donations for all our up and coming events. If you have anything you would like to donate please feel free to bring it along to one of our meetings.

### **Spring Concert**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, The PTA supports this event by selling tea's & coffee and raffle tickets. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on this day please just let us know.

### **Quiz night**

We are looking to hold our annual quiz night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Last year it was brought to our attention that Fir Park had no disabled access, so it has been suggested that we move to a different venue. We are looking into relocating to Dalziel Bowling Club. The quiz is great fun and also includes a disco afterwards and food and is open to all staff, parents and their friends.

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## A.O.B

As always if you have any ideas/suggestions for any other fundraising events we could hold or if there is a topic you would like us to present, please feel free to email us at [Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk](mailto:Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk) or even better come along to our next meeting where you can put forward your idea to the group as we would love to hear from you.

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## Next Meetings

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 19:30

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## Meeting Closed

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