
In Attendance

Robert Birch, Jacqui Agnew, Jan Chalmers, Valerie Bolat, Donna McInnes, , Karen Lannigan, Susan Malcolm, Sandra Ferguson, Leeann Rattigan, Anthony Paterson, Heather Barrie, Lorna Thomson, Evelyn Dickson, Diane McLaughlan, Joyce Gass, Kerry Ann Phillips, Joanne Morrison, Pauline Flynn, Ruth Logan, Margaret Craw, Melanie Buckley, .

Apologies

Lesley Shearer, Gillian Kirkwood, Jacqui Friel.

Welcome

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>

❖ **Presentation from Jennifer Tait and Pupils on Anti Bullying**

On the 20th of March the school will be having its very own kindness week organised by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors as part of the Dalziel Stands Up to Bullying campaign.

The purpose of this is to raise awareness of bullying in schools. A random act of kindness competition and the anti-bullying ambassadors will select 3 of the best random acts of kindness which will then be put to a vote by pupils in the school from Tuesday 21st to Friday 25th.

There will be first, second and third prizes which will be sponsored by the Parent's Association.

Record it, report, don't support it.

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>

➤ **The Attainment Challenge**

We have an Attainment Mentor 0.2 FTE who is working with a small group of pupils. We are also using 0.2 FTE having a Math's teacher work 2 periods per week in each of our three associated primary schools. We would like to do something similar with literacy. We have been allocated £64,000 from the Pupil Equity Fund and we are drawing up plans to make the most effective use to support pupils.

➤ **NLC Budget**

There has been another meeting to discuss NLC Budget Savings.

➤ **School Building**

We have had various workmen carrying out a variety of repairs to our school. Some workmen were here last week to look again at the roof but we have no date for work to start on the roof.

R Birch met with Ian Smith NLC regarding the refurbishment of our Home Economics dept. Ian assured me that this will go ahead in the next financial year and that our staff will have input into the design.

➤ **Staffing**

We have four members of staff absent long term.

Katie Toner – Chemistry

Laura Rodgers – RMS

Claire Kelly – Drama

Jennifer Anderson - English

Natasha Douglas has taken up her new post as Teacher of Biology. Susan McMurdie H.E. has now left Dalziel. Our advert for a replacement resulted in no applications.

➤ **Burns Supper**

Congratulations to all those who took part in the recent Burns Supper. It was a fantastic evening with great entertainment.

➤ **Customer Service Excellence Award**

We now have the report which is very positive. Link below to report.

<http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/latest-news/947-customer-service-excellence-award-2018.html>

➤ **Health Fayre**

Our annual Health Fayre went well, the theme this year was The Transplant Games. Thanks to parents who came along and helped with this.

➤ **Careers Event**

The recent Careers event was very well attended with good feedback.

❖ **Developing the Young Workforce Initiative – Margaret Crow**

Margaret Crow discussed the different opportunities that are available for our young people to develop key skills required for the world of work. This is delivered in:

- Skills developed in STEM programme of activities
- Skills developed through PSE (Personal & Social Education) and enterprise programme
- Vocational courses pathways
- Work Experience programme
- Careers events at schools
- Key skills and qualification requirements for employment embedded within lessons across the curriculum. Pilot programme currently underway in Science

Link to website: <http://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/curriculum/developing-young-workforce.html?showall>

There is also a quick quiz that uses a theory by American psychologist John L Holland. He found you can break interests down into six basic types, which relate to jobs and work environments.

It takes less than five minutes. All you have to do is select your favorite image from each page. Pick things you'd enjoy.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/about-me/start>

And for the younger members of the family, here's a little quiz for them to find out what little animal they really are:

<http://animalinyou.com/>

Treasure's Reports

N/A

Upcoming Events

Spring Concert

Tuesday 21st March. The PTA supports this event by selling teas & coffee and raffles tickets. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on this day please let us know.

Quiz night

Friday 19th May 7:30pm in Dalziel Bowling Club (Directly across from Knowetop primary). This is a great opportunity to get a team together and come along and mingle with other parents/teachers from the school. Don't worry if you don't have a team you can come along and join another team. We recommend that teams have six members, to ensure all teams are as equal as possible any teams with less than six members will be awarded a point for each member and those with more than six members will have a point deducted for each extra member.

£8 Ticket price includes:

Quiz created by Quiz master Bill McCallum

DJ Disco

Supper Buffet

Tickets are available at the door on the night. To help us organize seats and food if you are thinking of attending our quiz night please let us know by contacting us at Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk

Raffle donations:

We are looking for raffle donations for upcoming events. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring them along to the meetings.

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 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.

Next Meetings

AGM Monday 8th May 2017 @ 19:30 – This year we are sad to see two of our long standing PTA members leave us as their children graduate from school. The PTA committee would like to take this opportunity to wish them and their children all the best in their future.

The PTA is good fun and a great way to get to know each other if anyone is interested in joining the PTA committee please just let us know.

Meeting Closed
