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### In Attendance

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Evelyn Dickson, Sandra Ferguson, Robert Birch, Jan Chalmers, Patti Owens, Jacqui Agnew, Leeann Rattigan, Karen Lannigan, Susan Malcolm, Jacqui Friel, Ruth Logan, Diane McLaughlan, Yvonne Savage, Tony Paterson, Joanne Morrison, Joyce Gass.

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### Apologies

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Donna McInnes, Lesley Wales

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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, and advised there is a sign in sheet circulating.

**Minutes of last meeting** – previous minutes have been emailed to everyone on our mailing list and are available on the school website under "Community" tab then "Parent's Association". If you have not received this Agenda or the previous minutes by email please speak to a member of the committee.

**School show sponsor**– As you know we like to keep you all up to date with what the money we raise is used for. This year in October the PTA gave £500 to the school to sponsor the school show.

**Social Education** – Yvonne Savage & Patti Owens discussed what the school does in social education with regards to speaking to the pupils with regards to drugs.

All pupils are spoken to at their Assembly's regarding their behaviours, from 1<sup>st</sup> year upwards the topics that are discussed are Substance misuse, Alcohol & Drugs, Legal Highs, over the counter drugs, solvent abuse.

Below are some links for parents regarding the above subject:

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/parents/drugs-and-your-kids>

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/addictions/drug-abuse-and-addiction.htm>

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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**

Yvonne Savage has been appointed DHT Hearing Impaired/Support for learning 0.4 FTE.

We will advertise for a Principal Teacher of Pupil Support.

We have a vacancy for a teacher in the Hearing Impaired dept and this is currently being re-advertised.

Home Economics vacancy also to be re-advertised.

➤ **Home Economics Dept – Refurbishment**

We have also been told that the refurbishment of Home Economics will go ahead. The Architects were here on Thursday to start the process. We are aiming for the work to be done during the summer holidays.

➤ **Pupil Council**

The Pupil Council have decided to support Children in Need and also Christmas Jumper Day (Uniforms & Xmas Jumper to be worn – Donation to be collected).

➤ **Christmas Partys**

We will have the usual Christmas festivities with a Church service, Christmas ceilidhs etc

- **School Show**  
The school show went well. Thank you to the Parents Association for the sponsorship.
- **Scottish Government Visit**  
We had a visit on Monday from Paul Johnston the Director General of Education Communities and Justice for the Scottish Government. The meeting went very well and Mr Johnston gave us very positive feedback.
- **Public Speaking**  
The Inter-House Public Speaking Competition took place on Tuesday 7th November, in the Assembly Hall and was a very enjoyable evening and is well worth attending to support the pupils.
- **Remembrance Service**  
Our Remembrance Service took place in the Assembly Hall at 2p.m. on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and went very well.
- **Attainment Review**  
We had our attainment review meeting with NLC on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This went very well as our SQA exam results were very positive last year.
- **AOB**  
Questions have been asked from Parents as to how the pupils are picked out for School trips, Mr Birch advised that all pupils are invited to watch the draw of names that is undertaken so that it is fair to all who put their name forward for the trips, this also includes the names that are drawn out for reserved places. Mr Birch advised that the Berlin trip was oversubscribed but the Spanish trip is under subscribed at present. If your child would like to put their name forward for the Spanish trip please contact Jackie Donnachy.
- **Dates for your Diary:**
  - **Monday 20 November - Inset Day 3**
  - **Friday 24 November - S5/6 Tracking Report 2 Issued**
  - **Monday 27 November - S4 Prelims begin**
  - **Tuesday 5 December - S3 Parents' Evening**
  - **Friday 8 December - S4 Prelims end**
  - **Monday 11 December - S1 Christmas Panto - pm**
  - **Tuesday 12 December - S1 Christmas Dance**
  - **Wednesday 13 December - S2 Christmas Dance**
  - **Thursday 14 December - S3 Christmas Dance**
  - **Monday 18 December - S4 Christmas Dance**
  - **Monday 18 December - S1 Tracking Report 2 Issued**
  - **Tuesday 19 December - S5/6 Christmas Dance**
  - **Thursday 21 December - Christmas Service - 11.00 am**
  - **Friday 22 December - School closes - 2.30 pm**
  - **Monday 8 January 2018 - School re-opens**
  - **Monday 8 January 2018 - S5/6 Prelims begin**
  - **Thursday 18 January 2018 - S1 Parents' Evening**
  - **Friday 19 January - S5/6 Prelims end**

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## Treasure's Reports

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Susan thanked everyone for their help selling raffles and teas the PTA raised £716.40 at the school show which is a fabulous amount.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave up their free time to come along and support us over the four nights. Without your continued support we would not have been able to attend this event and raise this fabulous amount.

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## Upcoming Events

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**Christmas Raffle-** We are waiting on the raffle tickets being delivered and hope to have the tickets out to the pupils sometime this week. Each child will receive a book of five tickets which are sold at £1 per ticket. If you require more tickets please contact the school. Remember to check those school bags for your chance to win some fantastic prizes.

- First prize is a £100 East Kilbride gift card,
- Second prize is a luxury Christmas hamper
- Third prize 2 Choral shield tickets

Plus may more prizes with a full list of prizes being available to view soon on the school website.

**Pupil draw-** Any pupil who sells a ticket will be entered into the draw for a £20 Vue cinema ticket. To ensure your child is entered please write your child's name on the back of all sold ticket stubs and return these along with the money to the school.

**Raffle donations** – If you or your company would like to support the Christmas raffle and donate a prize please bring it along to the meeting or you can hand it directly into the school.

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## A.O.B

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**PTA committee** – The PTA committee work hard throughout the year to raise money for the school. All the money we raise goes back into the school to help the school support the pupils. The only way this is made possible is with your continued support. If you are interested in finding out more about what the committee does or would like to be part of the committee please contact us at [Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk](mailto:Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk)

This meeting is for our benefit – we're fortunate that the senior staff support it and are always willing to come along. If there's anything you'd like discussed, then please let us know.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in January.



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## Next Meetings

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Dates: 15 January, 12 March and 14 May

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## Meeting Closed

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