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### In Attendance

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Evelyn Dickson, Robert Birch, Jan Chalmers, Jacqui Agnew, Leeann Rattigan, Karen Lannigan, Susan Malcolm, Jacqui Friel, Tony Paterson, Joanne Morrison, Joyce Gass, Lesley Wales, Donna McInnes, Sharon Wood, Valerie Bolat, Lorna Thomson, Alison Kerr.

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### Apologies

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Wendy Hall, Patti Owens, Diane McLaughlin.

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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.

**Presentation** – Patricia Neilson and Dalziel’s mental health ambassadors

Key messages were discussed on the subject of how the S5 Mental Health Ambassadors have undertaken this trial programme “It’s ok to say you’re not ok” and what they have achieved from it.

This programme along with the S5’s video will form part of a display in Motherwell Library during their “Love Life – Love Libraries” week in February.

Link to the website;

<https://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/latest-news/1036-ambassadors.html>

**Christmas Raffle** –The Christmas raffle has been and gone and I would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket. This year we raised a total of **£866**, if you have any further ideas on how you would like to support the school please do not hesitate to let us know.

**Presentation**– Claire Kelly – Customer Service Excellence – **Cancelled**.

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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**

We have appointed Stephen Whiteford as a teacher in the Hearing Impaired Dept. He should take up the post next week.

We have a vacancy for PT of Pupil Support (Grieg House). We had 28 applications and we will interview six candidates on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

➤ **S5/S6 Prelims**

The S5/S6 prelims are currently running. This year (as last year) the prelims are taking place during class time (double periods) without study leave.

➤ **Burns Supper**

Burns Supper will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are currently on sale for £8.

➤ **Customer Service Excellence Award**

We have had the final report from our recent inspection for Customer Service Excellence. The report is very positive and Claire Kelly could attend a future meeting to carry out her presentation.

➤ **S1 Parents Evening**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. It can be difficult to get all the appointments that you want. We will organise teachers you could not get an appointment with to contact you by email or telephone – Book will be left at the front door to allow you to leave your details.

➤ **School Repairs**

The school has eight boilers – four of them will be replaced next month. A health and safety inspection highlighted that a number of doors across the school do not properly close so a number of door are being adjusted or replaced.

The upgrade of the Home Economics area is now at the design stage with NLC.

The Parent Council have requested a meeting with local councilors on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the upkeep of the building. We are particularly concerned about the poor state of the science labs.

➤ **A.O.B**

Deputy First Minister John Sweeney will visit our school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Treasure's Reports

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£866 raised from the Christmas Raffle.

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## Upcoming Events

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**Choral shield** – The PTA will continue to support the choral shield by donating £200 to each of the three houses.

**Burns supper-** Mon 29<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 upcoming events. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it along to the meeting.

**Spring Concert** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The PTA supports this event by selling teas & coffee and raffles tickets. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out for a couple of hours on this night please let us know.

**Quiz night-** The quiz night is a great night which includes a quiz, disco and food and is open to all staff, parents and their friends. This year we are looking into holding it on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May at the Dalziel bowling club (directly across the road from Knowetop primary school), at only £8 for the evening it is a great night to come along and test your general knowledge.

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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.

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## Next Meetings

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Dates: 12 March and 14 May (AGM)

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## Meeting Closed

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