



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2nd February 2012

in the School Conference Room

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| Present: | Mr Robert Birch | - | Head Teacher |
| | Mrs Moyra Scott | - | Chairperson |
| | Mrs June Weir | - | Parent Member |
| | Dr Neal Richardson | - | Parent Member |
| | Mr Marc Fleming | - | Staff Member |
| | Mrs Jennifer Di Mambro- | - | Staff Member |
| | Mr Dominic Farr | - | Staff Member |
| | Mrs Margaret Crow | - | Staff Member |
| | Mrs Rona Whittaker | - | Clerk |

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Dominic Farr, Ann Carroll and Sadia Ahmed.

2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of events.

3 **BUSINESS ARISING**

There were no matters arising to discuss.

4 **RECTOR'S REPORT**

4.1 **Fire**

The school was broken into at around 11pm on Friday 27th January and a fire was started in Social Education Room 1. The room was badly damaged and repairs are now underway. We hope to have both Social Education Rooms back in use in two weeks time. The response from North Lanarkshire Council has been very good. Security in this part of the school may have to be improved.

4.2 **Customer Service Excellence Award**

Robert Sullivan spent a full day in the school speaking to staff of all levels, pupils and the Parent Council. Jaclyn Lennon, Depute Head Teacher gave a short presentation to the Parent Council about the results which were again of a very high standard.

4.3 **Staffing**

We currently have a vacancy in Chemistry which is being advertised Nationally. Claire Kelly has been made permanent PT Drama (0.4 FTE) and Donna Spence was appointed as Acting PT Pupil Support. A surplus has been declared in the Home Economics Department.

Ruby Davidson (Depute Head Teacher) will retire at Easter. The Parent Council would like to pass on their thanks to Ruby Davidson for all her hard work and feel she will be a great loss to Dalziel High School.

4.4 Prelims

This is the first year that we have run a diet of S5 prelims including study leave in Jan/Feb. Parent members of the Parent Council feel that it has made the pupils more aware of the importance of these exams.

4.5 New Computer Suite

The new computer suite is almost ready. The computers are in school and we are waiting for new tables to be delivered.

4.6 YASS

This is a new opportunity for S6 pupils to study in cooperation with the Open University. Marc Fleming gave a short presentation regarding YASS. Pupils will be able to choose from a wide range of subjects and will be responsible for their own learning. These courses will need to be paid for but ILA funding will be applied for..

4.7 Curriculum for Excellence

The presentation evening for S1 parents was held on January 17th and was an opportunity to outline our plans and to answer any questions regarding the new curriculum. The evening went well and feedback from parents was positive.

4.8 Burns Supper

The Burns Supper on 23rd January was superb and pupils were invited to perform at a Burns Lunch in the local community. The pupils speeches were well received and they were a credit to the school.

4.9 School Roll

A meeting was held today with Paul Corrigan from North Lanarkshire Council regarding the school Roll for next year.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 1st March 2012.

