



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1 September 2011

in the School Conference Room

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| Present: | Mr Robert Birch | - | Head Teacher |
| | Mrs Moyra Scott | - | Chairperson |
| | Mrs June Weir | - | Treasurer |
| | Mrs Sadia Ahmed | - | Parent Member |
| | Mrs Ann Carroll | - | Parent Member |
| | Dr N Richardson | - | Ex Officio |
| | Mrs Margaret Crow | - | Staff Member |
| | Mr Marc Fleming | - | Staff Member |
| | Mrs Jennifer DiMambro | - | Staff Member |
| | Mr Dominic Farr | - | Staff Member |
| | Mrs Rona Whittaker | - | Clerk |

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

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 Staffing

The following staff have joined the school this term

Alistair Bell – Mathematics
Yvonne Murray - Hearing Impaired Dept
Lindsay Stewart – Probationer History/Modern Studies
Catriona Wright – Probationer English
Pamela Miller – Probationer Geography
David Madden – Probationer Mathematics
Lee Fleming – Temporary Mathematics until PT appointed
Jacqueline Lennon – Depute Head/ Business Education

Maternity Leave – Katy Toner Chemistry
Susan McMurdie Home Economics
Going on Mat Leave soon are Laura Grant History/ Modern Studies
Sylvia Dickson Business Education

The vacant posts for Principal Teacher Art and Principal Teacher Maths have been advertised in North Lanarkshire and the closing date is next Friday.

4.2 School Roll

The school roll appears to have settled at 959.

4.3 End of Term

The end of term went well with the Choral Shield being of a high standard and the prizegiving being very successful. The addition of the cast from Buddy Holly providing entertainment at the Choral Shield was excellent.

4.4 The start of term has gone smoothly with pupils changing options etc.

4.5 School Show

Preparations are well underway for the school show, the Buddy Holly Story, performances are 10th to 13th October and tickets go on sale soon.

A new sponsor was needed for the school show and Chris McIntyre Photography is providing the sponsorship.

4.6 SQA Examinations Results

Overall the results were very strong. The first wave of appeals for Highers have been sent away and the next wave will be going soon. The Parent Council passed on their congratulations on the outstanding SQA exam results. The results were discussed and the members want to pass on their thanks for the hard work done by staff.

4.7 Quality Improvement Officer

Robert Dalzell is our new Quality Improvement Officer (QIO).

4.8 School Maintenance

The school corridors have been repainted. Ceilings were replaced in Modern Languages/Maths room and new ceilings are being fitted in the PE changing rooms.

4.9 Pistoia Exchange

We will have visitors from Italy during the week 14 – 21 September.

4.10 Working Groups

Working groups are underway to move forward on (a) Period by Period registration (b) Seemis tracking and monitoring (c) GLOW (d) Co-operative Learning (e) cross-curricular shared classroom experience.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that Dr Neil Richardson would replace Monica Malcolm as a parent member on the Parent Council. The Parent Council also welcomes the following staff members Jennifer Di Mambro, Marc Fleming and Dominic Farr.

The Parent Council Report was discussed and it was agreed that this would no longer be produced instead any articles will be put on the School Website.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting has been changed to Tuesday 11th October.