



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th September 2012

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Moyra Scott	-	Chairperson
	Dr Neil Richardson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Sadia Ahmed	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Ann Carroll	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mr Marc Fleming	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Margaret Craw.

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

There are several new members of staff joining the school this term

The English Dept has 2 new permanent members of staff, Erin Keenan and Damian Gilhooly and Pamela Dodd has also joined the Dept for Maternity Cover.

The new Teacher of Modern Languages is Louise Stewart.

PT of Work, Enterprise and Vocational Education is Grant McCallum.

We have 6 probationers with us this year:

Mathematics – James Bell and Alistair Russell

History – Morven Watt

Geography – Rebecca Power

Physics – David McLellan

Mandarin- Shuming Kong (2 days per week)

We currently have a vacancy for maternity cover in Business Studies.

4.2 School Roll

The school roll appears to have settled at 965. We now have a waiting list for pupils waiting to enrol for every year group.

4.3 End of term

The end of last term went well with both the Choral Shield and the Prizegiving being very successful.

This year the Prizegiving will be held on the Thursday of the week before the Choral Shield.

4.4 New Term

The new term has started smoothly with pupils changing their options. This year we have 15 senior pupils undertaking YASS courses.

The SQA examinations are now over and the process went very well.

4.5 School Show

Preparations for the School Show, Hairspray, are well underway. The show will be held on 8th – 11th October and tickets will be on sale soon.

4.6 SQA results

Overall the SQA exam results were excellent. The Higher Appeals have been submitted and the Standard Grade appeals will be submitted soon. Statistical documentation from the authority was discussed which include attendance, achievements and exclusions.

4.7 School Toilets

The school toilets are going to be refurbished during the October week with work continuing the week after.

4.8 Pistoia Exchange

The Italian visitors will be here from 12th to 19th September.

4.9 Curriculum for Excellence

Our S3 pupils will sit Standard Grades at the end of S3 as in previous years

Our S2 pupils have made their option choices and will sit National 4 and 5 at the end of S4.

We are currently reviewing when our S1 pupils should make their subject choices. Should it stay at S1 or be moved to S2 which would give them 2 years of general education before making subject choices. They will sit Nationals in S4.

A short discussion took place with the Parent Council thinking the preferred option would be making choices at end of S2.

Lots of work has already been done to update S1 and S2 courses in line with Curriculum For Excellence.

4.10 SEEMIS

Period by period registration is now in place for all year groups.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A treasurer is now needed to replace June Weir and Irene McKenna has agreed to take on this role.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting Thursday 4th October 2012.