



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 7th February 2013

in the School Conference Room

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| Present: | Mr Robert Birch | - | Head Teacher |
| | Mrs Moyra Scott | - | Chairperson |
| | Sadia Ahmed | - | Parent Member |
| | Mrs Deborah King | - | Parent Member |
| | Mrs J Di Mambro | - | Staff Member |
| | Mr Dominic Farr | - | Staff Member |

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Neil Richardson, Margaret Craw, Ann Carroll and Marc Fleming.

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 Positive destinations

R. Birch provided figures for pupils going into Positive Destinations. Dalziel has the top figure in North Lanarkshire at 98%. This reflects the work done by a team of people (including Arthur McKeown and Fiona Boyle) which gives the pupils the best advice and opportunities.

4.2 S2 Options

Pupils in the current S2 picked their options at the end of S1. These choices will run until the end of S4 when the pupils sit the new National Examinations. It has been decided to write to the parents of S2 pupils to give them the opportunity to discuss changing any of their options. It is anticipated only a small number of pupils will want to make any changes. The letter will be sent out after the February holiday.

4.3 NLC savings/ budget cuts

NLC will be making an announcement on February 14th with regard to potential savings. One of the issues is the 33 period week which R. Birch explained the benefits of and explained the reasons for waiting to see what transpires in the announcement.

4.4 Burn's Supper

It was agreed that the Burn's supper was a great success and thanks and congratulations went to all pupils and staff involved.

4.5 Easter School

Easter School is currently available for S5/6 pupils. Currently approximately 20 applications have been received by J. Agnew, perhaps slightly less than expected.

4.6 Pistoia exchange visit

16 pupils are involved in the return leg of the established exchange programme. M. Fleming has been reporting to R. Birch.

4.7 Staffing

Staffing has settled down with no changes since the last meeting. There is the possibility of three permanent staff returning at Easter.

4.8 School Roll

Plans have been submitted for next year to NLC based on an S1 intake of 180 and a projected school role of 960. R. Birch is awaiting confirmation of these figures from NLC.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

D. King asked the Head Teacher about the progress of the '5A Team'. He reported on the pupils' weekly focused meetings and their desire to work and achieve by themselves. The success of this group has resulted in another group forming with a similar desire to collaborate and focus on their achievement.

In another conversation the Head Teacher told of the school's appreciation of the donations made to the school by Le Mirage over the years, but made it clear that the school shows no favouritism towards any outlet which may sell elements of the Dalziel school uniform. This choice is entirely down to parents themselves.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 7th March 2013.