

DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th February 2014

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Chairperson
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McAlpine	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona Conboy	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jennifer Di Mambro.

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

R Birch referred to 4.1 and advised that we had not yet received the report. R Birch was asked if he had had any contact re the 33 period week (4.3) and advised that this will be discussed in his report.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 33 Period Week

R Birch advised that the school had received no concerns from parents. Only 2 members of staff had raised points – the first being to make Friday a later finish and the other to have 3 straight periods in the morning instead of after lunch but this was not practical. A further letter will be issued to parents to confirm the changes. R Birch also advised that the feeder primaries have been asked to communicate the changes to their parents and it will also be discussed at the P7 evenings held at the feeder primaries.

4.2 Management Structures

The changes to the management structure that had been proposed are now with NLC for approval then someone from the council will discuss the next steps with R Birch. All staff affected by the changes are being kept informed of any updates received.

4.3 Dalziel Park

Funding from the football partnership has now been agreed. Contractors are on site and the work will last for approx 12 weeks. PE will continue to take part at Dalziel Park as the grass pitches can still be used. It is hoped that once the work is completed the pitches will be used by a lot more teams.

Hockey cannot be played on the 3G pitches and our hockey teams have been playing at Taylor High School. A grant has been applied for to turn the tennis courts into hockey pitches with could be used for training only. If successful our matches would need to take place elsewhere.

4.4 Prelims

The S5/6 prelims end tomorrow and pupils return to school on Thursday 13th February. There are 9 teaching weeks until the SQA exams which begin on 29th April.

4.5 S2 Options

The S2 options process has started with an assembly on Tuesday. The power point used is on the school website. This year we are holding a Careers event on Wednesday 19th February. It will be open during the day for pupils and in the evening so parents can come along.

4.6 Talent Show

The talent show takes place on Wednesday 26th February.

4.7 Health Fayre

The health fayre starts on Monday 3rd March for 1 week and the theme this year is Commonwealth Games.

4.8 Policy Review

Jacqui Agnew, DHT, attended the meeting to talk about the policy review group she has been leading. 9 members of staff volunteered to help update the policies to make them more user friendly and the policies which have been updated are now available on the school website.

4.9 Staffing

G Keogh, Acting P/T music, has been appointed PT Music and Art at Linwood High School. The post of Acting PT music has now been advertised in North Lanarkshire.

The reduction on 2.1 FTE staff due to the 33 period week has been delayed until August 2015 and we have no staff being declared surplus.

4.10 Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi has been installed in science and social subjects and they have bought some iPad minis which have started to be used in some classes. Modern Languages have got some funding to buy iPad minis but at the minute don't have wireless access. It has been agreed that Wi-Fi will be installed throughout the school.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dalziel High School is being twinned with a school in Fuqua, South Carolina. Y Savage is leading the group and pupils are now using twitter to contact each other.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 6th March 2014.