



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

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

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Chairperson
	Mrs Sadia Ahmed	-	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, Deborah King and Irene McAlpine.

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 Customer Service Excellence Report

The customer Service Excellence report is now available. It is a very positive report with 5 categories now marked as Compliance Plus.

4.2 AMEC

AMEC have now offered 3 prizes of summer work placements for senior pupils. We have been able to arrange free accommodation to support this. Pupils will be told how to apply at assembly tomorrow. M Crow has been organising this.

4.3 P7 Information Evenings

We are currently holding information evenings in associated Primary Schools to start the process of Primary/Secondary transition. P Allison, R Birch and 2 pupils attend these evenings. We were in Ladywell Primary School last night and are going to Knowetop and Glencairn next week.

4.4 Placing Requests

We have just been informed that NLC will no longer be holding individual interviews for parents making placing requests. Decisions will be made on the written submissions. The current deadline is the 15th March. We are hoping to have 180 pupils for S1 again.

4.5 Management Re-structure

We are awaiting further information from NLC.

4.6 Health Fayre

The health fayre is going well. The guest speaker on Monday was Steve Frew who was a gold medal winner in the 2002 Commonwealth Games. His speech was great and he showed a video of himself winning his Gold medal. He got a great response from the pupils and also spent time in some classes.

4.7 Dalziel Park

Work is ongoing at Dalziel Park and there is a site meeting tomorrow.

4.8 Staffing

We have a temporary teacher of Music – Mr Mark Brown.

We appointed a new janitor this morning and it is hoped they will start at Easter.

K Toner, Chemistry, is absent and is hoping to return on Monday. We have arranged for a Chemistry supply teacher to come in next week for support.

4.9 Careers Convention

The Careers Convention was well attended as was the S2 parents evening. The Parent Council thought the Careers Convention was a good idea.

4.10 Space School

Three of our pupils have been selected to attend this year's space school at Strathclyde University.

Anthony Flynn has applied for the chance to spend a week at Harvard, Yale or MIT and has made the final 200. He will be going to London in April for an interview.

4.11 School Show

The School show this year is All Shook Up and over 100 pupils attended the auditions this week.

4.12 Prelims

S5/6 prelims are now marked and Monitoring and Tracking is underway. SMT and Guidance will interview senior pupils to make sure they are on track.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no change to report.

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sadia Ahmed has resigned from the Parent Council. The Parent Council and Dalziel High School thanked her for all her support while she was a member of the Parent Council.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 1st May 2014.