



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 4th September 2014

in the School Conference Room

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

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dominic Farr

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

4.1 AMEC Following on from his 6 week placement with AMEC Jonathon Weir is now doing a course in Structural Engineering.

7 The joint Parent Council & PTA newsletter has to be put on the school website.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Staffing

We have a number of new staff joining us this session:

Permanent: DHT - Jan Chalmers
Maths - Steve Agnew

Temporary: RE - Justin Richards
Music - Nicola Irvine
Geography - Steve Gray
Home Economics (3days) - Anne Roulston
Business Education (3days)- Michelle Scott

Probationers: Art - Kevin Polin
Chemistry - Rhian Lafferty
Drama - Nikki McEwan
English - Rachel Carroll
French - Collette Fagan
Geography - Jane Donnelly
History - Laura Mackie

Bruce Rankin (PE) and Bob Browning (HID) retired at the end of last term.
Maureen Scognomiglio transferred to Calderhead High School
Chris Rewhorn (RE) was promoted to PT Social Subjects at Prestwick Academy
Ruth Scott (RE) is on secondment to undertake her Gaelic teachers qualification.
Sylvia Dickson is now Faculty Head of Business Studies and Social Subjects at Cardinal Newman

J Anderson (English) and Katie Toner (Chemistry) are currently on Maternity Leave.

No permanent appointments are allowed for 2014/2015

We are now fully staffed and R Birch will be meeting with NLC to review the staffing for the school.

4.2 SOA Examination Results

The results are excellent. Additional sheets were given to the Parent Council and a short discussion took place about the results..

4.3 Dalziel Park

The new 3G pitches are now fully in use and are already being well used.

4.4 Officials

The School Captain is James Swinburne and Vice-Captain is Deborah Kerr. They have been asked to join the War Memorial Trust.

House Group Elections will take place next Thursday and the results will be announced on Friday morning.

4.5 33 Period Week

The 33 period week is now in operation. The budget savings from this remain within the school for one year.

4.6 AMEC

Sixteen S4 pupils have now started to study Nat 4 Engineering at New College Lanarkshire. They are doing this every Wednesday afternoon and are being mentored by AMEC. AMEC have provided them with their Personal Protection Equipment – orange jumpsuit, boots, goggles and hard hats. 60 pupils had showed an interest in attending this course.

AMEC have agreed to be involved with the school for 5 years and hope that 3 pupils each year will be able to do a summer placement. They hope to be more involved in the selection process next year.

Thanks go to Margaret Crow who has been really involved in all arrangements.

4.7 School Show

The School Show is All Shook Up and will take place Week beginning 6th October, Monday to Thursday. Rehearsals are going very well.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from a parent enquiring about joining the Parent Council.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A short discussion took place about the Parent Council vacancy. It was agreed that the vacancy process would be started.

Details of Parent Council meetings has to be forwarded to the councillors for the Dalziel High School catchment area.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2nd October 2014.