

DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2nd October 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 Fiona Conboy	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk
	Mrs J Chalmers	-	Observer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dominic Farr 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 Staffing

We have two vacancies being advertised this month – Principal Teacher of Music and Teacher of Business Studies. Dominic Farr, PT Music is moving to Coltness High School as Depute Head.

Interviews for the HID post have taken place and Lynn Kinstrie has been appointed.

4.2 Supported Study

Grant McCallum PT of Work, Enterprise and Vocational Education has compiled a list of those departments already offering Supported Study and it is posted on the school website. Seniors have asked about English supported study.

Self-help study group has been offered to S5 and only 2 pupils turned up this week.

4.3 School Show

The school show is being held Monday 6th October to Thursday 9th October. There is a great cast this year. A lot of staff have been involved in all aspects of the show. The senior rota has been organised.

4.4 Parent Members

Seven parents expressed an interest in joining the parent council. The next stage was to submit a written statement, at which point it was reduced to 2 candidates. It was agreed both candidates will be invited to join the Parent Council. R Birch will contact them.

4.5 Funding

Jacqui Agnew is applying for additional funding to support pupils and reduce barriers to learning. It is hoped we can buy equipment and materials if we obtain this funding. Jacqueline Lennon is also preparing a bid.

4.6 St Andrew's Hospice

A number of our senior pupils took part in the Fun Run at Strathclyde Park to support St Andrew's Hospice. The sponsor money is still being collected.

4.7 AMEC

Our work with AMEC has been receiving praise from Jim Logue the Convenor for Education and is to feature in various websites and magazines as an example of good practice in line with the Wood Report – teaching pupils skills that can be used in employment.

4.8 GB Transplant Games

James Swinburne and Deborah Kerr will be involved in the bid to bring the GB Transplant Games to North Lanarkshire. Cathedral Primary pupils are also involved.

4.9 Tracking and Monitoring

S6 pupils have now been interviewed and next week R Birch will start to interview all S4 pupils to check that they are on target.

4.10 Department Reviews

Principal Teachers will be meeting with R Birch throughout October to review the work of each department.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion took place about the Parent Council Constitution.

It was agreed that the 3 house captains would now be members of the Parent Council and that the number of Parent Members would be changed to six. Proposed by Irene McKenna and seconded by Deborah King.

Jennifer DiMambro was re-elected as a staff member of the Parent Council.

Deborah King was proposed as new chairperson by Irene McKenna and this was seconded by Simon Jessney.

Simon Jessney will continue as Treasurer.

It was agreed that the first Thursday of October will be the Parent Council AGM.

The dates for future meetings are:

Thurs 6/11/14

Thurs 4/12/14

Thurs 8/1/15

Thurs 5/2/15

Thurs 5/3/15

Thurs 14/5/15

Thurs 4/6/15

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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