

DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 8th January 2015

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Chairperson
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McAlpine	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Margery Lilly	-	Parent Member
	Mr David Forson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona Conboy	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Sarah Clelland	-	House Captain
	Eimear King	-	House Captain
	Jennifer Winter	-	House Captain
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk
	Chris Bensalem	-	Observer

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

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

Deborah King to draft letter to NLC about budget cuts.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Staffing

We are now fully staffed. Chris Bensalem has taken up his post as PT of Music and will also be our new press officer. David Gallagher has joined the Social Subjects department. Carol Flanagan has been appointed as our new teacher of Business Studies and will start in February.

We have declared vacancies for next August for a Teacher of Music and a Teacher of Geography. All adverts are being held until April when probationers will be eligible to apply.

3.19FTE has been confirmed as our cut for next year.

4.2 Christmas

All the Christmas arrangements seemed to go well. The dances were well attended as was the church service..

4.3 Customer Service Excellence Award

The report has been published and is very positive. Jennifer DiMambro gave her thanks to the parents, pupils and staff involved.

4.4 Prelims

The S4 prelims took place in December and the S5/6 prelims will start on Monday 26th January. Interim reports have been issued to S4 pupils.

4.5 Options

Option forms for S5/6 and for S3 have been updated after a 'dummy run' Advanced Higher Biology might not run next year due to the number of courses that have to be rewritten.

4.6 Homework Club

A new homework club will be starting soon for S1 – S3 pupils. This will be available every lunchtime and 2 staff members will supervise each day.

4.7 Dalziel Park

The opening ceremony will take place at Dalziel Park 6.30pm for 6.45pm on Friday 16th January.

4.8 Burns Supper

The Burns Supper will be held on Monday 19th January at 6.30pm.

4.9 PTA

The PTA raffle raised £1200 which will be used to support our pupils in a variety of ways. At the PTA meeting on Monday 12th January our Careers Advisor will make a short presentation.

4.10 Mock Interviews

S4 mock interviews will take place from Tuesday 20th January to Thursday 22nd January.

We are also holding a S2 careers convention on the 19th February.

4.11 Arkwright Scholarship Scheme

4th year pupils have been spoken to and have been given application forms.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S Clelland thought the talk by David Jackson about young drivers and safety on the roads was really interesting.

D King has spoken to David Gardner, Community Police Officer, about coming to one of our meetings to give a talk about social media dangers.

Constitution – It was agreed to adopt the constitution on 8/1/15. Constitution to be put on school website.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5th February 2015.