



DALZIEL

HOOL

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1st October 2015

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Chairperson
	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

1 APOLOGIES

Mrs Irene McKenna, Mrs Jennifer DiMambro and new House Captains

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Margery Lilly, seconded by Deborah King and accepted as a true and accurate record of events.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Staffing

A teacher of Spanish/French is being interviewed next Tuesday 06 October.

There were only two applicants for the post of Principal Teacher of Social Studies therefore the post will be advertised nationally.

A request for a supply History Teacher has gone in to NLC with a stipulation that they must be able to teach Higher History.

4.2 School Show

The Little Shop of Horrors has been well rehearsed and will be showing in school from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th October.

4.3 SQA Star Awards

The school has been short listed for a national award for Science and Engineering at the SQA Star awards on 20th November.

4.4 Education Scotland

Education Scotland will replace the HMI Report with a new School Inspection; the new model will be two days shorter but the school will only be given two days' notice to prepare. Parents will be asked to speak to the inspectors about the school. Dalziel High School has not been inspected for some years.

4.5 NLC Plans

All Dalziel HS SMT have attended a presentation on the Curriculum for the Senior Phase presented by the Head Teacher from Prestwick Academy, NLC are currently considering a standardisation approach in order to make the senior phase as accessible as possible for all S5 & S6 pupils. The Parent Council await Mr Birch providing them with more information on this subject.

4.6 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivations

Jennifer Di Mambro has done some research into the number of pupils who reside in deciles 1 and 2.

4.7 Monitoring and Tracking

The S4 interim reports have been issued to parents and S3 reports will be issued next week.

4.8 UCAS

Miss Owens is organising a UCAS Conference for senior pupils and parents on 29th October at 7pm Two Universities will deliver a presentation and then parents will have the opportunity to speak to between 7 and 8 other universities on the night.

This will not replace the current arrangements of the annual Careers Day/Evening.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Education & Lifelong Learning about the new Standardised Assessment in S3.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Deborah King and Irene McKenna have both reached their 3 years' service on the Parent Council and Deborah and Irene would both like to continue for another 3 years. There was no objection raised and it was agreed that their term would continue with Deborah remaining as Chair. The Parent Council would like to congratulate Mrs Jane Lynn on her recent appointment as Senior Janitor.

Deborah King has drafted a letter to Mr McKinstry regarding the state of the Home Economics Department within Dalziel High School. Deborah will keep us up to date on developments. David Forson raised the subject of the S2 Parent's Night happening too early in the school year. Mr Birch will look into addressing the concerns raised.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 04 November 2015.