



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th November 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
	Mrs Margery Lilly	-	Parent Member
	Mr David Forson	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Ms Alisha Steeds	-	House Captain
	Ms Rachel Beresford	-	House Captain
	Mr Ross Mitchell	-	House Captain

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs Fiona Conboy

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st October 2015 were proposed by Irene McAlpine, seconded by Deborah King and were accepted as a true and accurate record of events.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4. RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1. Staffing

Interviews took place last week for post of Teacher of Music and a recommendation has been submitted to NLC.

Interviews for post of Teacher of Biology will take place next Wednesday.

Adverts are now live for: Depute Head Teacher

PT Social Subjects - National advert
Teacher of Chemistry – National advert
Teacher of Computing – National advert

Jennifer Tait starts as French/Spanish Teacher on Monday

Currently trying to recruit a supply teacher of History

Mrs DiMambro is overseeing History dept. on a temporary basis whilst no PT

4.2. School Show

The “Little Shop of Horrors” show was very well received by all.

4.3. UCAS Information Evening

This seemed to go well. Feedback has been requested. Initial comments suggest logistics are reviewed to increase the number of pupils who are able to meet with the reps.

Note that the Careers Evening will be held in February 2016.

4.4. NLC Standardisation

NLC is looking to standardise the school day across all Secondary schools including greater commonality of timetables to facilitate working together. The most likely model will be that which DHS currently follows with the possible exception of the number of subjects chosen for 4th Year pupils.

4.5. School review

Continuous Improvement Officers Phil McGhee and Morag Hay spent two days in DHS observing lessons in S3. They gave very positive feedback and a written report is due.

4.6. Budget Cuts

Mr Birch explained that he has had staff meetings to discuss the proposed budget cuts by NLC and that a Consultation process on savings options is underway with NLC to the community.

4.7. Remembrance Service

This will take place in the School Hall on Sunday 8th November at 2.00pm.

4.8. Attainment Interviews

All S6 pupils have now been interviewed and S4/S5 will commence this week.

4.9. Directorate Visit

This will take place on Tuesday 24th November and will be by I. Boyd, a HT and a CIO - covering Attainment, Attendance, Late Comings and Exclusions.

4.10. Visitors from Kosovo

Mr Birch announced that DHS is expecting 12 Education Officials from Kosovo to visit with Mr Andrew Sutherland on Thursday 12th November.

4.11. School Trips

Three trips are planned as below:

- S1 trip to London
- S2/S3 trip to Barcelona
- DHS pupils visiting students who came over to DHS from Italy previously

4.12. Public Speaking Competition

Inter-house competition is on Tuesday 10th November - rehearsals now on.

4.13. SQA Awards

DHS is nominated with the awards night on 20th November in Edinburgh.

4.14. School Inspection

A visit is scheduled for 2nd December focusing on two of the overall criteria.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to the report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A reply from Mr McKinstry has been received in connection with our request for visit/ action on updating of our Home Economics Dept. He assures us he will be discussing the matter with his team and we look forward to his update in due course.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Depute Head post

Having recently undergone the relevant training, David Forson now joins Deborah King, Irene McKenna and Margery Lilly as being competent to be on the selection panel which requires two Parent Council members.

7.2. Headship

The Parent Council would like to congratulate Mrs Jennifer DiMambro & Mrs Jaqueline Martin on their success in attaining their Headship qualification.

7.3. Budget Cuts Consultation

The Parent Council shall, via letters to Andrew Sutherland and Elected Members, request further information on the following topics as listed under “Savings Options - For Consultation”

- LLS011a Reduce the number of Classroom Assistants by 50%
- LLS011b Reduce the number of Classroom Assistants by 25%
- LLS019 Redesign of Community Learning & Development (CLD) Service
- LLS023 Review of Music provision and tuition
- LLS037 Cease service provided by the Outward Bound Trust
- LLS060 Review of ASN sector

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3rd December 2015.