



## DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

### PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

in the School Conference Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Margery Lilly	-	Parent Member
	Mr David Forson	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Fiona Conboy	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Leeann Rattigan	-	Clerk

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Mrs Deborah King  
Mrs Irene McApline  
Ms Alisha Steeds  
Mr Ross Mitchell  
Ms Rachel Beresford

#### **2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 were proposed by Irene McKenna, seconded by Margery Lilly and were accepted as a true and accurate record of events. It was noted that January's meeting was called off by R Birch.

#### **3 BUSINESS ARISING**

Snack Breaks – D Forson updated R Birch the issue with the children not getting snack breaks coming back from P.E at Dalziel Park had not been rectified. R Birch advised he will take this up with the PE Department Head and give D Forson a call to provide an updated solution to go forward with.

## **4 RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **4.1 Staffing**

We have appointed Gillian Kelly as Teacher of Chemistry and David Jack as Teacher of Computing.

We will interview for Acting DHT on 18<sup>th</sup> February – 2 internal candidates are P Owens & J Monaghan. Interviews will be carried out by A Hart & R Birch; R Birch asked D King & M Lilly for their attendance at the interview process and P.m. was agreed upon.

Advert for Principal Teacher of Mathematics should appear tomorrow, R

### **4.2 NLC Standardisation**

NLC have now agreed a common format for the school day and a common Schematic for S5/6. Options are to align with all the other schools in the area to allow a common schematic.

R Birch advised that a meeting has taken place @ 2.2.2016, between all the Head Teachers from the Motherwell, Wishaw and Shotts areas to discuss how the options are going to be rolled out – Double periods are a concern.

S4 Subject numbers are set to be narrowed to 7 – DHS have been doing 8, so it is proposed that for the current S3's who have started with 8 to continue with this number for S4.

Current S2's will pick 7 to go on to S3 with; S2 parents will be informed of this at Careers night.

All parents will be receiving a letter from I Boyd advising of the changes and impacts to the School day, including the start/finish times which are to change to 5 mins later start/finish time.

Bus renegotiations are still ongoing with I Boyd/Bus Company's.

### **4.3 Christmas Dances**

The Christmas arrangements went well other than the S5/6 Christmas Party when we had a number of pupils who had been drinking alcohol or who brought alcohol to the dance – R Birch noted that this is the worst instances for anyone bringing something into the School and hiding it in the toilets; Next year there is a proposed ban on handbags.

### **4.4 School Show**

Octobers School Show is confirmed as Wiz. Information on auditions is to follow soon. Jennifer Bradshaw is in charge and the school is looking at ways to raise the awareness of the show and especially to try and get more boys involved.

### **4.5 Prelims**

S5/6 prelims are now underway.

**4.6 Burns Supper**

R Birch noted the Burns Supper night held in the school went very well, all speakers, singers were all well received.

**4.7 School Inspection**

J DiMambro passed along a copy of the Assessment Report from the Customer Service Excellence visit. Results were excellent for areas of Good Practice and Compliance. Pictures were taken for the press and should be in the Local paper next week.

**4.8 S2 Careers Event**

S2 Careers Event will take place on Tuesday 23rd February, Workshops will be taken place during the day for various areas and in the evening from 16:30 – 18:30 the event is open to all.

**4.9 Health Fayre**

Will take place week beginning Monday 7th March 2016, same format as before with the theme being The Olympics.

Food – Canteen Area

Classes – Themed Dance Class

Events based on the Theme will be available throughout the School; Primary Schools in the area are invited to come along.

**4.10 Budget Cuts**

R Birch confirmed that an additional 19 million of cuts have been announced on top of the initial 45 million.

Approximately 11,000 – 15,000 jobs are to be lost.

Consultation Summary will now be passed on to the Elected Members of NLC, Simon Jessney noted that he will look into getting a copy of this Summary and issue to the Parent Council.

R Birch confirmed DHS had not received any further impact report from the council in relation to the cuts.

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no change to the report.

**6 CORRESPONDENCE**

N/a

**7 A.O.B**

- 7.1** S4 Interviews – S Jessney noted a very high standard; However there was a variety of the quality of answers he received as some pupils did not answer the actually question that was asked.
- 7.2** Direct Debit – R Birch advised that the school will be offering parents the option to pay for events/trips online; option to pay by Cash/Cheque will still be available to all. Training will be undertaken by the Office staff to facilitate this.

**8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016