



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday 12th May 2016

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Teacher
	Mrs Caroline Bleach	-	Teacher
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McAlpine	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mr David Forson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Leeann Rattigan	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Mrs Margery Lilly
Mrs Fiona Conboy
Ms Alisha Steeds
Mr Ross Mitchell
Ms Rachel Beresford

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd March 2016 were proposed by Irene McKenna & seconded by Irene McAlpine and were accepted as a true and accurate record of events.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

D King welcomed C Blech to the meeting as a new Teacher Member.

D King asked if R Birch had received any clarification of what impact DHS was facing in relation to Class Room Assistants, R Birch confirmed that DHS currently is

operating with 3 No and this will be reduced to 1 going forward. The current CRA's have attended a collective meeting but so far the process has not reached the individual meeting stage, this is thought to be carried out over the next couple of months.

R Birch advised that the ASN's No's were to be reduced.

Office Staff: DHS is currently operating under the allocated hours, with current staff working at part time hours, unfortunately R Birch advised these extra hours cannot be allocated to the current staff in place to increase their working week, rather these hours will be collected back and assigned through the system to where is deemed necessary.

R Birch commented on a meeting that he attended with the Chief Executive to which he was made aware the School would receive new letter headed stationary which will included the councils new ASPIRE programme:

- Articulate
- Sensitive
- Proactive
- Inspirational
- Realistic
- Evaluate

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Placing Requests

Placing requests for S1 have now been settled and letters from NLC have gone out. Around 20 placing requests were refused. 80 placing requests have been accepted.

R Birch advised the next stage for any appeals are dealt with through the Civic Centre and on very few occasions these go on to the High Court; to date no appeals have been overturned by the court.

C Bleach advised the school visits will start W/c 16.5.2016.

Next Steps are:

P7 Games Evening (Yvonne Savage) – Monday 23rd May

S1 Intake Evening – Tuesday 31st May

Two day visit – Tuesday 7th/Wednesday 8th June

4.2 Staffing

Two of our Principal Teachers have requested to go down to a 3 day week.

Basie Grieve PT Modern Languages

Catherine Muir PT Home Economics

Both will move to job share in August 16 so we will be advertising the other part of each post.

R Birch advised that he has requested through Personnel that an advertisement is posted requesting a post for a PT Home Economics Teacher for 2 days/Teacher of H.E for the remaining 3 days, as resources are need for the H.E department, R Birch is hoping that this proposal will entice more teachers to apply for the position.

R Birch advised the position for Modern Studies has been filled under a 1 year contract.

4.3 Dalzielian

The Dalzielian goes on sale at the start of June and has been subsidised to keep the price at £12, R Birch has requested that encouragement to purchase the publication is raised.

4.4 SQA Examinations

The examinations are now well underway and arrangements are working well.

4.5 S3 Exams

S3 Pupils have been sitting exams in class time. S3 Reports will be issued on Wednesday 8th June and will indicate what levels pupils will study at in S4. R Birch stipulated that Parents can request a meeting to discuss the report with chosen subject Teacher if both parties agree there is movement in the results.

4.6 School Show

School Show rehearsals are now underway for The Wiz which will be performed in October as usual. There will also be a performance at the Coral Shield.

4.7 Referendum

The School is being used as a voting station for the referendum so the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 23rd June.

4.8 Dates

Dalziel Day Out Friday 17th June

Choral Shield Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June

Prize giving Tuesday 28th June –

D King as Chair is to deliver the Speech. A discussion on possible Guest Speakers where carried around the table. S Jessney put forward a suggestion to which R Birch is to follow up.

R Birch also touched upon the unadvertised bursary prizes that are awarded each year.

PTA Quiz night Friday 20th May – 7:30p.m £7.00 per ticket which can be paid at the door, If anyone would like to attend could they let

Evelyn Dickson know the numbers for catering purposes. R Birch confirmed a text alert has also gone out to promote this night.

4.9 Other Business

Business Education Room is being under renovation therefore it is closed this week but should be completed by next week.

R Birch advised that the Council had wanted to instigate the roll out of installing one main all-purpose photocopier in the school, due to the school not taking this up the council has advised the photocopying budget will be reduced by £4,500 to make up for the savings NLC have stated they could have saved. I McKenna asked if the new contract could have been entered into before the old contract had expired and what was the savings based on, Nat 5/Highers? R Birch would need this clarified.

R Birch advised the PC that the school had been approached by two ladies in relation to the proposed new housing development by Bellway at the old Strathclyde Hospital Site asking if the PTA & Parent Council would support their campaign. R Birch advised that he asked for the Ladies to forward on their details and he would pass them along to the two groups to make contact, to date R Birch has not received any further contact from them. R Birch also noted that the school have opposed the planning application due to the proposed entrance into the site by Crawford Street due to this increasing the Road Traffic outside of the school.

School Boundary was brought up as a rumour has been going round that the catchment area boundary was being changed and that Greenacres was being taken out of DHS catchment, R Birch advised he is unaware of any changes being proposed or made, and does not see this as being something that NLC would be looking at.

D King brought up the issue that From August of this year, a "**Named Person**" will be appointed to monitor the welfare of every child in Scotland.

As part of its Getting it Right for Every Child strategy, the government gave all children and young people from birth to 18 years access to a named person under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The law will come into force across the country on 31 August of this year, but the policy has already been rolled out in parts of Scotland, including Highland, Edinburgh, Fife, Angus and South Ayrshire.

The Scottish government says the named person is intended to be single point of contact if a child or their parents want information or advice, or if they want to talk about any worries and seek support.

They will also be a point of contact for other services if they have any concerns about a child's wellbeing.

C Bleach advised all that DHS system is already set up with a lead professional and that the school workers very closely with the children and multi agencies through home school partnerships to provide the necessary support which is tailored to the individual child's needs.

C Blech advised the JAT (Joint Assessment Team), has been renamed as HEART, with transitional meetings also taking place by Primary Schools and secondary school to ensure every measure that is already in place is followed through with the individual child when they make to transition to high school.

D Forson stated he thought this was a positive measure, D King noted that the areas where this scheme has already been rolled out there is a matter of parent having taken this as far as Court with the issue of the Principal Care being taken away from Parents.

I McAlpine stated she would like to think this resource would be available to any child that may find themselves in the position of requiring assistance at any point in their lives.

D King asked if the Tutor inputs Pastel Notes: C Bleach confirmed every Tutor is encouraged to do so with any contact that is made in connection to the child.

R Birch reiterated that Tutors and PT's work together to meet the needs of the children, the Children are always encouraged at every stage to involve the parents with in all of these procedures but ultimately the final decision will always be the child's and the school must respect this.

J DiMambro advised the process is adjusted to what works best for the individual and who they feel most comfortable talking to.

D King stated that recognition and knowledge are the way forward; D King also asked R Birch if any parents had contacted the school with any questions in relation to this, R Birch advised to date he has not received any requests.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to the report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

7 A.O.B

School Improvement Plan – J DiMambro advised that the departments are going through self-scoring through the HGIOS (How Good Is Our School), J Martin will then compile the results and issue the results, the report will follow the New Inspections Format which NLC will issue in due course. A copy of these results are to be forwarded to the PC members before the next meeting in September to allow everyone divulge the information and provide feedback.

J DiMambro asked for any volunteer to help on Friday 20th May for the School Sponsored Walk for approximately 13:15 either at the crossing at Strathclyde Park/Jet Garage or the Refreshment table at the Water Centre.

D King advised the next meeting of next year will be Thursday 1st September and the meetings will continue on the format of the 1st Thursday of every Month; R Birch will have these dates posted to School Calendar on the Website and Parent Council Page.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd June at DaClaudios @ 7p.m.

Meeting Closed