

Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

Monday 24th October at 7:30pm

Present – Margaret Pollock, Fiona Hannah, Evelyn Dickson, Janette Watson, Tracy Bain, Cheryl Bain, Anthony Paterson, Fiona McKinnon, Elaine Hamilton, Irene McKenna, Morag Beattie, Sandy Smellie, Liz Cunningham, John Hinton, Robert Knox, Ruby Davidson, Lesley Hamilton, Elaine Gregor, Wendy Hall, Vivien Townsley, Jaclyn Lennon, Robert Birch

Apologies – Laureen Vaughan, Jim Wales

Chairman's Remarks – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming everyone present and introducing June Weir of Skills Development Scotland. June is also on the school Parent Council.

Presentation – June gave a demonstration of the 'My World of Work' web service developed by Skills Development Scotland to inform pupils, parents and adult job seekers about career options and job opportunities. The web service also assists with CV preparation.

After a question and answer session, Margaret thanked June for the demonstration.

Minutes – The minutes from the previous meeting held on 24th September 2011 were approved.

Matters arising:

- Secretary – As discussed at the last meeting, the secretary's position on the committee was vacant. Evelyn Dickson had indicated her willingness to carry out these duties. Evelyn's appointment was proposed by Liz Cunningham and seconded by Fiona McKinnon. Evelyn was duly appointed and agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

Correspondence – No new correspondence

Treasurer's Report – Fiona reported that Mr Iain Harvey was in the process of carrying out the annual audit of the PTA accounts.

School Matters – Robert advised the following:

- Staff
 - The vacancies for the posts of PT of Mathematics and PT of Art had been filled. Fiona Kinstrie (Maths) and Kirsty Houston (Art) both started their new posts on 24 October.
 - Jonathan Black has been promoted to PT of Maths at Brannock High School and will leave on 14 November. The vacancy arising from this promotion will be advertised.
 - S Dickson from Business Education goes on maternity leave soon with L Kerr from the same department on maternity leave from January 2012. Again, these vacancies have been/will be advertised.

- School Show – Congratulations to all involved in the production of The Buddy Holly Story which was a great success. Auditions will be held in January/February 2012 for the next show.
- SQA – Appeals for Higher Grade exams have been received and we are awaiting notification of the Standard Grade appeals.
- Curriculum Structure – Our pupils in S1 will be the our first group to be presented for the new examinations which will replace Standard Grades. After discussion, Robert offered to organise an information evening for the parents of S1 pupils to discuss the implications of this change. There had been no decision yet on early presentations as clarity is required from the Education Department and Scottish Government.
- Prelims – Standard Grade prelims will be held at the end of November with Highers at end of January/beginning of February.
- Parents' Nights: S3 – 25 October 2011; S4 – 24 November 2011; S5/6 – 23 February 2012 (after Higher prelims)
- School calendar – Parents were encouraged to make use of the school website which provides a great deal of information about the school and includes a calendar of events.
- Forthcoming events – The Public Speaking Competition is in the school on Tuesday 8 November at 7pm and the Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 13 November at 2pm in the hall. Both of these events are open to all.
- GLOW – Robert will invite Dominic Farr to the next meeting to provide information on the GLOW service

Christmas Raffle – Fiona advised that the tickets had been ordered with delivery expected within the next two weeks. The school will compile a letter to accompany the issue of the tickets to the pupils.

PTA Constitution – The revised PTA constitution will be available at the next meeting.

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- School photos – After a problem with the supplier, there had been a delay in printing school photographs but it was hoped these would be delivered soon.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st November 2011 at 7.30pm.

Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.