

Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

Monday 12th September at 7:30pm

Present – Margaret Pollock, Fiona Hannah, Fiona McKinnon, John Hinton, Melissa Ferguson, Julie McCloud, Robert Birch, Morag Beattie, Elaine Hamilton, Lesley Hamilton, Elaine Gregor, Lee Sutherland, Joyce Quigley. Elaine Sheldon, Wendy Hill, Robert Knox, Eleanor Hamilton, Lesley Wales, Jim Wales, Alan Moore, Jacqui Agnew, Evelyn Dickson, Janette Watson, Anthony Paterson

Apologies – Tracy Bain, Laureen Vaughan.

Chairman's Remarks – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming everyone present. Due to the position of secretary being vacant, Liz Cunningham would chair this meeting and Margaret would take the minutes.

Minutes – The minutes from the previous meeting held on 17th May 2011 were approved by John Hinton and seconded by Melissa Ferguson. There were no matters arising.

Correspondence – No new correspondence

Treasurer's Report – It was agreed at the meeting that Fiona would contact Mr Iain Harvey and ask him to conduct the annual audit of the PTA accounts.

School Matters – Robert advised the following:

- The school roll has settled at 959. After some debate with NLC the S1 intake was 180.
- Staff – Currently advertising for PT of Mathematics and PT of Art.
- The end of term arrangements seemed to go well. Choral Shield & Awards Evening
- The results of the SQA examinations were excellent. There has been improvement on previous years.
- School Show – The Buddy Holly Story will be performed from Monday October 10th to Thursday October 13th.
- The school was re-painted over the summer holiday.
- Exchange pupils from Pistoia Italy visiting the school later this week.
- The school is having a push to re-enforce the dress code. The parents support is requested. Any blazers that are no longer needed can be handed into the school office.
- A new web service has been launched by Skills Development Scotland to help pupils with career choices. It is called myworldatwork. June Weir who is on the Parent Council has offered to demonstrate this service for the parents. Robert will see if this could be arranged for our next meeting.

PTA Constitution – The PTA constitution was reviewed and the appropriate amendments highlighted. The revised document will be typed and available at the next meeting.

Presentation of school results – Robert Birch presented the SQA results at the meeting highlighting the successful results achieved. Anyone wishing to for more in depth analysis should let us know.

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- A question regarding the school dinner money card was raised regarding how much money can be put on the card. It was answered that notes can be applied to the card. The process was explained by the staff. Any pupil having difficulty should seek help from staff.
- Question was raised about Scholar, this is a web-based 'virtual college' support network for science & maths. Any pupil who wants to use it can ask the PT for a logon & password. Any issues with getting this please contact Robert Birch.
- Supported study – Teachers who run the supported study groups give up their lunch breaks and free time to assist our children. We would like to pass on our thanks to the staff for this. Details of supported study groups can be found on the school web site.
- New school Benches - It was agreed that the PTA would contribute £500 towards the cost of the new benches that had been purchased at the start of the term. Fiona to give cheque to Robert.
- New secretary – We are still short of a secretary, if anyone is interested in the post please let us know.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th October 2011 at 7.30pm.

Liz closed the meeting.