
In Attendance

Robert Birch, Jan Chalmers, Jim Monaghan, Yvonne Savage, Jacqui Agnew, Karen Lannigan, Lesley Wales, Susan Malcolm, Tony Paterson, Donna McInnes, Sharon Wood, Valerie Bolat, Leeann Rattigan, Joyce Gass, Alison Kerr, Melanie Buckley, Lorna Thomson, Sandra Ferguson, Joanne Morrison, Carol Flannigan

Apologies

Diane McLaughlan, Ruth Logan

Welcome

Karen Lannigan opened the meeting by thanking all the parents for their attendance at tonight's meeting, and advised there is a sign in sheet circulating. Our aims of the PTA are as following:

1. To inform parents of whats happening in the school and wider educational issues affecting our children
2. To give parents a forum for discussing issues with senior staff and an opportunity for consultation on important matters
3. To explore topics of interest and concern to parents i.e., CFE, work experience, option choices, mental health ambassadors, anti-bullying initiative
4. To provide financial support to school

The PTA support 5 events during the school calendar

1. School show
2. Xmas raffle
3. Quiz night
4. Choral shield
5. Spring concert

Minutes of last meeting - previous minutes have been emailed to everyone on our mailing list and are available on the school website under "Community" tab then "Parent's Association". If you have not received this Agenda or the previous minutes by email please speak to a member of the committee.

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle has been and gone, thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. This year we raised an outstanding total of £1359. There are still many prizes not yet picked up, please see list of winners on school website and arrange to pick these up at the school ASAP

Primary Feeder Schools

Karen has spoken to all feeder primary schools PTA organisations and all are eager to develop stronger relationships with Dalziel PTA. We are currently still in discussion on the best way to move forward with this.

Presentation - Carol Flannigan Pupil Mock Interviews

S4 pupils are currently preparing for mock interviews which have been developed with our partnership with Morgan Stanley. Pupils are taken through the whole recruitment process.

Over the past few months S4 pupils have been working on their CV's in preparation for the world of work. During this process each pupil will have a 25min mock interview which will replicate a proper interview situation. After the interview each pupil will receive feedback from the interviewer which allows them to develop their skills for the future, a copy of which is given to the pupil and a copy filed in PPR.

Jim Monaghan - option choices

Access my world of work - S2. There is more flexibility in the new option forms. Planning has commenced with mock forms being completed for S2, S4 and S5 pupils.

S2 pupils -7 subjects with 2 of them being Maths and English

Each pupil will have an interview with their pupil support teacher to assist them with choices. Tracking reports will be issued 7th Feb, forms will be issued to pupils, parents night will then take place and completed forms to be returned to school by 22nd Feb.

S4 & S5 pupils- 5 subjects each being double periods. This is the same format as all NLC schools.

S4 will be issued the week after S2 and S5 will be issued the following day.

After exam results are issued in August the school will be open for a couple of days to allow pupils to change options depending on exam results. A pupil/parent signature is required for all option changes. There is no longer an appeals process, a re-mark option is available. In the event of illness or family crisis the SQA might be willing to offer an appeal. Some subjects will be available within other schools in NL. There are 9 schools who coordinate between them to offer advice higher subjects.

Rector's Report

A copy of the full report can be found under the news column on the website, alternatively why not Subscribe to receive the Rector's Monthly newsletter direct to your inbox.

<https://www.dalzielhigh.org.uk/news/newsletter.html>

1. Staffing_

Linzi Dunlevy and Lesley Niven have both taken up positions within the Hearing Impaired dept. Margaret Craw - has left to take up a new post within Education Scotland. Jannette Watson - HID has retired Jean Paterson school office has retired David Masters -PE has left to take up a new post in Biggar HS Jennifer DiMambro has taken a secondment as Acting HT at Coatbridge HS CA McLaughlan _ supply teacher has now left. We still have 8 teachers on maternity leave but two have indicated that they will return soon.

2. Education Scotland have published the report from our inspection in October. The Quality indicators were graded as:

GOOD for Learning Teaching and Assessment
VERY GOOD for Attainment Achievement and Equity.

The full report is now available on our website. We will now take account of the report and points for action when we produce our improvement plan for next term.

3. The Christmas arrangements went very well. In particular the pupils should be congratulated for their conduct at the Christmas Ceilidhs.

4. The S5/6 prelims have just finished. This year (as last year) the prelims took place during class time (double periods) without study leave.

5. Annual Burns Supper took place Monday 28th Jan. as always this was a fantastic evening of food, speeches and music.

6. Customer Service Excellence Award - We have had the report from our recent inspection for Customer Service Excellence Award. The report is very positive and Claire Kelly could attend a future meeting to give a short presentation.

7. Parents Evening - It can be difficult to get all the appointments that you want. We will organise teachers you could not get an appointment with to contact you by e-mail or telephone. Next year the appointments will be made on-line.

8. We will have our Careers Convention on Thursday 7th February. This is open to all pupils and parents.

9. The Spring Concert date has changed to Tuesday 19th March

10. Repairs

The new Home Economics rooms now in use. The Parent Council continues requesting an upgrade to our Science labs.

We have been promised that the school fence will be painted and that we will get new CCTV. We continue to contact NLC about this, there is no date as yet for these repairs to take place.

Future Events supported by the PTA

Choral Shield - the PTA will continue to support the Choral Shield by donating £200 to each of the three houses.

Raffle Donations - we are always looking for raffle donations for upcoming events. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it along to the meeting.

Spring Concert - The PTA supports this event in March by selling teas & coffee and raffle tickets. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out for a couple of hours on this night please let us know, this year it takes place on the 19th March

Quiz Night - the quiz night is a great night which includes a quiz, disco and food. This is open to all staff, parents and friends. This year we are looking into holding it on Friday 17th May at Dalziel Bowling Club (directly across the road from Knowetop Primary School) at only £8 for the evening it is a great night to come along and test you general knowledge.

A.O.B

These meetings are for our benefit - we are fortunate that the senior staff support it and are always willing to come along. If there are any topics you would like to be discussed then please let us know.

We are looking to form stronger links with our feeder primary schools and plan to attend their PTA meetings to discuss and inform parents of our PTA information evenings and encourage more people to attend.

Thank you all for coming along to the meeting and supporting us. I hope you find them informative and please don't hesitate to contact us on the email below if you have any topics you'd like discussed at the next meeting.

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this years meeting dates

10/09/2018, 12/11/2018, 14/01/2019, 11/03/2019, **13/05/2019-(AGM)**

Meeting Closed
