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### In Attendance

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Jan Chalmers, Heather Sheridan, Tony Paterson, Donna McInnes, Valerie Bolat, Melanie Buckley, Alison Prentice, Lorna Thomson, Hazel McLachlan, Karen MacVicar, Ramona Brehuesch, Alison Kerr

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### Apologies

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Robert Birch, Jacqui Agnew, Alison Nicol, Lesley Wales

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### Welcome

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Heather Sheridan opened the meeting by thanking all the parents for their attendance at tonight's meeting, and advised there is a sign in sheet circulating.

#### Aims of the meetings

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 e.g.; CFE, work experience, option choices, mental health ambassadors, anti bullying initiative.
4. To provide financial support to school

**We are extremely honoured by the support we receive from the rector Mr Birch and from all the teachers who give up their time willingly to attend our meetings.**

**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.

**School Website/App** - its worth checking for information on upcoming events and sign up for weekly newsletter and the Rector's monthly newsletter.

**PC Gregor Mackie Police School Community Officer** (based within Cumbernauld Academy) gave a presentation to the parents with regards to his role and how this can help pupils

His role includes:

Presentations to P7 pupils

He is part of Pupil Support Team within the school helping to break down barriers between pupils and police  
Social education Classes discussing topics such as; drugs, alcohol, cyber crime and knife crime

He also gave us an insight into the most common issues affecting our youngsters within NL Schools, these included; Cyber Bullying, Whatsapp, Snapchat, children sending intimate and inappropriate images of themselves to each other which are then saved and sent on, Hate Crime and Sectarianism

Scott Douglas Community Police Officer for Motherwell area- he is Dalziel High School point of contact and can be contacted to discuss topics of interest within the school like, No Knives Better Lives.

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### Rector's Report

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Jan Chalmers presented Rector Robert Birch's report in his absence, 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>

➤ **Staffing**

English- Erin Hodge has now joined the English dept.

We are currently recruiting another Additional Support Needs Assistant

➤ **Refurbishment**

Work to refurbish all 8 Science Labs is running behind time due to a new sub-contractor Safebuild (East Kilbride) have been appointed to provide the furniture. They have been in school to take measurements and we are expecting work to re-start on 16th March  
4x labs have still to be completed

➤ **School Trips**

in the next few months we are due to send trips to Costa Brava, Italy and to London. We are taking NLC/Foreign Office advice regarding Coronavirus.

➤ As Guidance has changed with regards to Coronavirus Covid-19 and foreign travel all school trips have now been cancelled

➤ **Primary/Secondary Transfers** - we have started the process with meetings in three associated Primary schools

Ladywell Monday 2nd March

Glencairn Monday 9th March

Knowetop Monday 23rd March - cancelled due to Coronavirus Covid-19 guidelines

➤ **Budget Savings**

NLC will make Budget savings of approx £100 million over three years, approx £30 million next year. We do not have the detail yet of how some of the savings may impact on our school.

➤ **Customer Service Excellence Award**

The report came in this weeks and is very positive. Leigh-Anne Scott could come to next Parents Association meeting to discuss this further

➤ **Spring Concert**

Change of date for Spring concert, this event will now take place on 31st March - unfortunately this event has been cancelled due to Covid-19 Government guidance

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#### Treasure's Reports

Tony Paterson gave an overview of monies raised from our most recent events. A total will be given at our AGM meeting

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#### U p c o m i n g

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#### Events

#### Spring Concert - 31st March 2020

We are looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets/serve teas and coffee. This is a great annual event that highlights the vast musical talent within the school. The school will be selling tickets nearer the time but please note the date.

Quiz Night - 15th May 2020 in Dalzell Bowling Club, details to follow

**Unfortunately due to the recent Government Guidelines due to the increase in Coronavirus Covid-19 all future planned events have now been cancelled**

PTA [Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk](mailto:Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk))

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**Raffle donations:** We are always looking for raffle donations for upcoming events. If you have anything you would like to donate (chocolates, toiletries, alcohol) please bring it along to the next meeting.

**PTA committee** - The PTA committee work hard throughout the year to raise money for the school. All the money we raise goes back into the school to help the school support the pupils. The only way this is made possible is with your continued support. If you are interested in finding out more about what the committee does or would like to be part of the committee please contact us at [Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk](mailto:Dalziel-pta@live.co.uk). please also contact if you have any topics of interest that you would like to be discussed at future meetings.

This meeting is for our benefit - we're fortunate that the senior staff support it and are always willing to come along. If there's anything you'd like discussed during our meetings then please let us know by contacting us and we will try and arrange this for an upcoming meeting.

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#### Next Meetings

No further meetings will now take place for the session 2019/20 due to Coronavirus Covid-19 Guidelines

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Meeting Closed

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