



## DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

### PARENT COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2 June**

**in the School Conference Room**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Moyra Scott	-	Chairperson
	Mrs June Weir	-	Treasurer
	Mrs Ann Carroll	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Rosemary Sinclair	-	Clerk
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	New Clerk to the Parent council

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from S Ahmed, M Crow, M Malcolm and N Richardson.

The Rector introduced and welcomed R Whittaker to the meeting. She will take over from R Sinclair as Clerk to the Parent Council in August.

#### **2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of events.

#### **3 BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **3.1 Placing Requests**

It was agreed that a letter expressing the concerns of the Parent Council, with regard to the stresses placed on parents involved in Placing Requests, be sent to the Education Authority at the start of next year's process.

Thanks went to Councillor P Kelly, who met to help and advise the Parent Council during this year's prolonged S1 Intake discussions with the Education Authority. Unfortunately, Councillors Ross and Valentine were unable to attend.

##### **3.2 Parent Council Statute**

###### **3.2.1 Interview Panels**

Parent Council members who wish to take part in interview panels must have undertaken relevant training, which can be provided for any members who express an interest.

After discussion it was agreed that A Carroll, with M Scott, Chairperson, would attend the forthcoming DHT interviews.

### **3.2.2 Parent Council Membership**

The Rector clarified the following points:

- the Parent Council must include a minimum of 3 parents
- only parents of current pupils can be elected to, and remain on, the Parent Council
- membership is for 3 years and then re-election must take place

M Malcolm was thanked for her service to the Parent Council and it was agreed that N Richardson, ex-Officio member, be invited to become a parent member in her place.

## **4 RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **4.1 Staffing**

D McCann has been appointed PT Pupil Support taking over from B Butler, who will be retiring in August.

Y Murray was today appointed Teacher of the Deaf to replace R Bayliss who is also retiring in August.

Interviews for the two DHT posts, created by J O'Neill's promotion to HT of Coatbridge High School and E Kelly's retirement, take place on Tuesday 7 June at Kildonan Street. Eight candidates are to be interviewed – three of them internal – and their visit to the school has been arranged for Monday 6 June.

### **4.2 School Roll**

This year's S1 intake currently stands at 178.

The P7 Parents' Evening took place tonight. Due to the large turnout of parents, it was necessary to repeat the Head Teacher's presentation.

All arrangements are in hand for the P7 two-day visit which takes place Tuesday 7 June and Wednesday 8 June.

### **4.3 Choral Shield**

Two new sponsors have now been found for Barclay House and Colville House.

G M Training is to sponsor Barclay and Graham and Sibbald, Surveyors, are to sponsor Colville.

Unfortunately MITIE are now unable to sponsor the provision of paint and another supplier is now being sought.

Ticket sales for the second night are the best ever, however, it is hoped that first night ticket sales will improve.

### **4.4 SQA Examinations**

This year's SQA examinations are nearing the end and have gone relatively smoothly so far.

### **4.5 Sponsored Walk**

The Dalziel High School War Memorial Trust Sponsored Walk takes place tomorrow. Staff will be assisted by 6/7 members of the Parents' Association and any Parent Council members, who are able to, are also invited to come along to help.

The funds raised will support activities at Dalziel Park.

#### **4.6 Parents' Association**

The Parents' Association Quiz and Wine Evening takes place on Monday 13 June in the Social Area.

#### **4.7 Playground Benches**

Members of the Pupil Representative Council requested that more benches be provided for pupils in the playground and these have now been purchased.

#### **4.8**

##### **The School Improvement Plan**

The School Improvement Plan draft is to be issued to staff before being put on the school website.

The Rector reported that IT features strongly in this year's Plan.

S Murray, QIO, has been in touch with the Rector regarding pupils attending a Motherwell College care course. M Fleming is liaising with the College to finalise arrangements, which it is hoped will tie in with Dalziel's timetable.

### **5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no change to report.

### **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

### **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Parent Council Report**

It was agreed that the Parent Council Report would be compiled after the summer break.

#### **7.2 Prizegiving**

B Miller, ex-Rector of Dalziel, has agreed to present this year's awards at the School Prizegiving and R King, School Captain, has been invited to speak on behalf of the pupils at the end of the ceremony.

### **8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Dalziel Parent Council takes place at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1 September 2011 in the School Conference Room.