



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 3 March 2011

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs E Kelly	-	Depute Head Teacher
	Mrs Moyra Scott	-	Chairperson
	Mrs June Weir	-	Treasurer
	Mrs Sadia Ahmed	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Ann Carroll	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Monica Malcolm	-	Parent Member
	Dr N Richardson	-	Ex Officio
	Mrs Margaret Crow	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rosemary Sinclair	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to report.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector was pleased to report that he had received a very warm welcome from both staff and pupils.

4.1 Staffing

The staffing formula from NLC has changed, meaning a reduction in staffing to all schools, including Dalziel. The final staffing allocation will, as always, depend on the school roll which has yet to be finalised.

There has also been a reduction in the management time allocated to each school.

D Hay, B Butler and S Kilgariff have indicated that they are to retire this summer.

At present B Butler, PT Pupil Support, is currently absent due to ill health.

S MacKay, Teacher of Art, will be returning from maternity leave at Easter and D Scott, Supply Teacher, will then leave.

A Emery, also Teacher of Art, will be returning from maternity leave in June.

4.2 School Roll

The Placing request process for S1 is now underway with the deadline for requests being 31 March. Final decisions on staffing and timetable will be made once the S1 intake number has been confirmed.

R Birch has had numerous meetings with NLC on the subject and M Mulrain is to visit the school next week to discuss the matter further.

4.3 S5/6 Parents' Evening

The S5/6 Parents' Evening took place on Wednesday 23 February and was very well attended.

4.4 Health Fayre

The theme for this year's Health Fayre is "Healthy Hearts - The Beat Goes On" and runs from Monday 7 March to Thursday 10 March. The Fayre will be opened by Dr Docherty, clinical lead for Cardiology in Lanarkshire.

A pupil dance competition, 'Bring It On', has been organised and a whole school Hip Hop sponsored activity will take place in aid of the Chest, Heart and Stroke charity.

4.5 School Show

Auditions will soon take place for the School Show, which this year is "The Buddy Holly Story".

4.6 S1 Theatre Trip

Unfortunately, there has been some difficulty in obtaining a refund from the King's Theatre for pupils who were unable to attend the pantomime in December due to the 'snow days'. So far they have only offered a £2.00 per ticket reduction for next year's show and it was agreed that if this offer does not improve, pupils will be taken to the local pantomime at Motherwell Theatre in future. It was also suggested that pupils be refunded £5.00 by the school and a letter of explanation issued to parents.

4.7 Curriculum for Excellence

E Kelly has given a presentation to NLC Headteachers on the Dalziel Curriculum model.

4.8 S1 Parents' Evening

The S1 Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 16 March. P Allison is to give a presentation to parents before the individual appointments commence.

4.9 The Royal Wedding

An additional school holiday has been announced for the Royal Wedding which takes place on Friday 29 April.

4.10 School Talent Show

The School Talent Show takes place tonight with a number of talented pupils taking part.

4.11 Options Process

The Options process is now underway for S3/4/5/6 pupils, who have been issued with the relevant information and forms, which they have two weeks to return.

S1 pupils receive their information tomorrow.

4.12 Spring Concert

The Spring Concert takes place on Monday 28 March in the School Assembly Hall.

4.13 Easter Arrangements

The Easter Service takes place on Thursday 31 March and the Games Morning takes place on Friday 1 April, with the school then closing for the Easter break until Monday 18 April.

M Scott thanked the Rector for his comprehensive report and officially welcomed him to the school.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks is to be sent to Bill Samuel, who recently tendered his resignation from the Parent Council.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Brian Miller's Retiral Dinner

All agreed that this had been an excellent night and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

7.2 School Roll

In response to a query about the School Roll from S Ahmed, a lengthy discussion ensued on the possible problems caused by a drop in the school roll.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting takes place on 12 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the School Conference Room.