



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1st March 2012

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Moyra Scott	-	Chairperson
	Mrs June Weir	-	Parent Member
	Dr Neil Richardson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Ann Carroll	-	Parent Member
	Mr Marc Fleming	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer Di Mambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Margaret Crow	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sadia Ahmed.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

3 BUSINESS ARISING

There were no matters arising to discuss.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Staffing

The Chemistry post is being interviewed on Wednesday 7th March. Four candidates are being interviewed. The DHT post should be advertised on Friday 2nd March and the Parent Council will be part of the interview process. Implications of Early Retirement Scheme will be known next week.

4.2 The School Building

The new computer suite is now in use. The SE rooms damaged in the fire are also now in use with further funding from NLC to replace the computer and grills are to be fitted to the windows soon. A number of ceilings have been replaced upstairs.

4.3 Personalisation and Choice

Pupils in S1, S3, S4 and S5 are currently choosing courses for next year. We have tried to increase choice in S6 with the introduction of YASS courses as described at the last meeting.

4.4 Uniform

After relaxation during the severe weather we are again reminding pupils of our dress code.

4.5 Supported Study

A number of departments are operating supported study sessions at lunchtime and after school but departments are disappointed by the numbers attending.

4.6 Health Fayre

The Health Fayre takes place from Monday 5th March with a wide range of activities throughout the week.

4.7 Talent Show

The Talent Show is taking place this evening. Thanks go to the Home Economics Department for organising this.

4.8 School Show

This year's show is Hairspray. The auditions are underway with approx 120 pupils attending the practice sessions.

4.9 School Roll

We are awaiting further discussion with NLC to establish the intake for S1.

4.10 Curriculum for Excellence

As previously discussed our plans are for the current S2 pupils to sit their Standard Grades at the end of their S3. Our current S1 pupils will be presented for the new National examinations when they are in S4. This will mean reverting to a model of doing Highers in one year in S5.

4.11 Easter Egg

We have managed to obtain some tickets for Easter Egg and these will be given as rewards to a selection of S1 for hard work, good behaviour etc.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A short discussion took place regarding the Parent Council Parent Members as this will be June's last year and next year Moyra, Ann and Neil's children will also be leaving Dalziel. A decision was made that we need a couple of parents elected as new members and Mr Birch will arrange for this to be mentioned in the school newsletter to get notes of interest from parents.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 10th May 2012.