



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2nd May 2013

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Moyra Scott	-	Chairperson
	Dr Neil Richardson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Ann Carroll	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mr Marc Fleming	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer Di Mambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Margaret Craw and 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

We again have a temporary vacancy in Chemistry but hope to have Peter Morton fill this post next week. Katy Toner will return at the end of June.

Jennifer Craig in English has indicated that she will also return at some point in June.

We have two members of staff retiring this summer, Corrine Blackstock from the English Department and Rosemary McIntyre from Support for Learning.

4.2 S1 Intake

The Placing Request interviews have taken place and the decisions made. We are taking 180 pupils into S1. This will be made up of 119 pupils from the catchment area and 61 placing requests. There were 93 Placing Requests so 32 have not been successful.

4.3 Choral Shield

Choral Shield plans are now underway. There will be an all day rehearsal on Sunday 9th June. The Choral Shield this year will be on Tuesday 25th June and Wednesday 26th June and the Prizegiving will take place on Thursday 20th June.

4.4 Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert took place on Tuesday 26th March and went very well.

4.5 Education Scotland

The visit from Education Scotland in March was very positive. The focus of the visit was 'Creativity' and they were very impressed with what they saw.

4.6 New Computers

NLC will be supplying the school with 100 new computers over the next few months. 80 of the computers have now been installed by Kenny Wallace.

4.7 Dalziel Park

We are in talks with NLC, Sports Scotland, SRU and the SFA to try to replace the synthetic pitches at Dalziel Park with new 3G pitches. The written bid has now been submitted to Sports Scotland. Mr Birch would like to thank Ian Watson who has been the driving force behind this.

4.8 School Show

Rehearsals are now underway for the School Show for October. The show this year is Back To The 80's.

4.9 Budget Cuts

We have started to receive more information from NLC about how the budget cuts will affect Dalziel High School. We are to have 30 less hours per week of Clerical Support but as Lindsey Finlayson resigned in January this means an actual reduction of 10 hours.

The management structure in the school is to be reviewed. We will have a cut to FTE of teaching staff in August 2014. There will be a cut to the level of support we receive from technicians.

4.10 DHTs

Congratulations to two DHTs, Jennifer Di Mambro and Jaclyn Lennon, who have both been accepted onto the Scottish Qualification for Headship (SQH) programme.

4.11 SQA Exams

SQA Standard Grade exams are now underway. This will be the last year of Standard Grade exams.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

30 senior pupils from Dalziel High School took part in the Ben Nevis Challenge. In total there were 500 pupils from Lanarkshire taking part. The challenge took place on the West Highland Way due to snow. Thanks to all those who took part. We have raised £1200 so far.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting Thursday 13th June 2013.