



DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 7th November 2013

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Sadia Ahmed	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McAlpine	-	Parent Member
	Mr Simon Jessney	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Margaret Crow.

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

Deborah King referred to item 4.2 from the last meeting and asked what was happening with the outstanding appeals. R Birch advised that he has had no further contact from NLC regarding these appeals but he will contact them to find out if they are still outstanding.

4 RECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Staffing

Scott Purvis has been appointed as full time permanent Teacher of English and this takes us to a position of being fully staffed.

4.2 Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 10th November at 2pm in the School Assembly Hall.

4.3 Self Support Study Groups

Self support study groups are now underway for S5/6 pupils on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There are more pupils involved this year across all levels.

4.4 Recent Events

School Show – Back to the 80s went very well and a large number of pupils benefitted from taking part.

Halloween Dance – the S5/6 Halloween dance was well attended and conduct at the dance was excellent.

House trips – S1 house trips are taking place to the bowling, some pupils went last week and the rest are going this week.

4.5 Curriculum for Excellence

Mrs DiMambro made a presentation to the S3 parents last month at parent's night and this will be repeated at the PTA next week.

4.6 SOA Appeals

Appeals are now in for Standard Grades and Intermediate levels in addition to Higher and pupils should have been informed of the outcome. From next year there will be no appeals except in exceptional circumstances i.e. Medical

4.7 Registration

Period by period registration has now been fully implemented.

4.8 SEEMIS

Tracking and monitoring pupil progress using SEEMIS is now being undertaken for S4, 5 and 6. Teachers can use SEEMIS to show current grades, effort etc and then the SMT can use this information when they are interviewing pupils.

4.9 Customer Service Excellence Award

The Customer Service Excellence award is being re-visited by Robert Sullivan in December.

4.10 Public Speaking Competition

The Inter-House Public Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday 12th November.

4.11 Parents Evenings

Following the S1 parents evening there were some concerns regarding the lack of appointments due to the fact that some teachers can have 3 or 4 S1 classes and could therefore have more than 60 pupils looking for appointments and can't see them all.

4.12 Dalziel Park

Dalziel Park is operated by the War Memorial Trust and the Astroturf pitches need replacing. The War Memorial Trust have been trying to raise funds and R Birch and I Watson have a further meeting with Sports Scotland next week to try and finalise their contribution.

4.13 New Chief Executive

The new Chief Executive, Andrew Sutherland, visited the school today. He met with the SMT and the meeting went very well and was very positive.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Two new members were welcomed to the Parent Council this week. Simon Jessney and Irene McAlpine joined us following the formal ballot that was held.

Our new Chairperson is Irene McKenna and Deborah King will be the Deputy Chairperson. Simon Jessney will take over as Treasurer.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5th December 2013.