

DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th November 2014

in the School Conference Room

Present:	Mr Robert Birch	-	Head Teacher
	Mrs Irene McKenna	-	Chairperson
	Mrs Deborah King	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Irene McAlpine	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Margery Lilly	-	Parent Member
	Mr David Forson	-	Parent Member
	Mrs Fiona Conboy	-	Staff Member
	Mrs Jennifer DiMambro	-	Staff Member
	Mr Dominic Farr	-	Staff Member
	Sarah Clelland	-	House Captain
	Eimear King	-	House Captain
	Jennifer Winter	-	House Captain
	Mrs Rona Whittaker	-	Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Simon Jessney.

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

Interviews for Principal Teacher of Music will be Friday 7th November. We have 6 candidates being interviewed.

Advert for Full Time teacher of Business Studies has been delayed until later this month.

Lynn Kinstrie, our new HID teacher started on 3/11/14.

4.2 Supported Study

Supported study is ongoing across the school. There has been a big increase in attendance from S4. We would like to see increase participation from S5/6. All supported study being offered is on the school website.

4.3 School Show

The School Show went very well this year. C Kelly has asked for expressions of interest for next year's show and so far 30 boys have expressed an interest.

4.4 Finances

R Birch has reviewed the school finances and as money was available to spend we have ordered 40 new computers and a variety of other items requested by departments.

4.5 Customer Service Excellence Award

Our annual inspection/review will take place later this week and J DiMambro has been collating all the required paperwork.

4.6 Tracking and Monitoring

S4 pupils have now been interviewed and next week R Birch will start to interview S5 pupils to check that they are on target. Now that we are using SEEMIS R Birch can see all targets on line meaning the meetings are more in depth and Guidance can then follow up on any notes he makes.

4.7 Directorate Visit

We will meet with an officer from NLC on Tuesday 25th November to review the performance of the school.

4.8 Public Speaking

The S2 – S6 interhouse competition will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 7pm.

4.9 War Memorial Trust

The new pitches at Dalziel Park are very busy. They are looking to change the tennis courts to a surface suitable for hockey practice although they won't be suitable for matches.

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will be held in the Assembly Hall on Sunday 9th November at 2pm.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the union is to be passed to D King.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S Clelland asked about uniforms being handed in. Blazers are handed in regularly to Arthur who issues them where required but it was decided it would be a good idea to mention in the newsletter that all uniform items are welcome.

I McKenna has updated the constitution. A copy has been issued to all members of the parent council and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

We welcomed two new members to the Parent Council, Margery Lilly and David Forson.

The school has raised over £33,000 for St Andrews Hospice since 2001. A short discussion took place about the school starting a Business Partnership with St Andrews Hospice and about their ambassador scheme for senior pupils. The house captains have to consider becoming ambassadors.

Thanks went to Dominic Farr for all his hard work and support. He will be a massive loss to the school.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 4th December 2014.