

# Dalziel High School Parent Teachers' Association

## Minutes of Meeting at Dalziel High School

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7:30pm**

**Present** – Janette Watson, Evelyn Dickson, Margaret Pollock, Robert Birch, John Hinton, Liz Cunningham, Patricia Park, Fiona Hannah, Wendy Hall, Diane McLaughlan, Elaine Hamilton, Irene McKenna, Ruby Davidson, Jacqui Agnew, Jaclyn Lennon, Robert Knox, Anthony Paterson, Cheryl Percy, Hilary Davies, Caroline Wilson, Julie McLeod, Melissa Ferguson,

**Apologies** – Jim Wales, Lesley Hamilton, Vivien Townsley, Elaine Gregor, Tracy Bain, Patti Owens

**Chairman's Remarks** – Margaret opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming everyone present.

### **Matters arising from meeting on 21 November 2011:**

- Christmas raffle – Margaret expressed the thanks of the PTA committee to Fiona Hannah and all teaching & office staff for their hard work in ensuring the success of the Christmas raffle. Over £900 was raised by the raffle – a significant increase from the previous year.
- Fundraising at Spring Concert – the date of Spring Concert has been altered to avoid a clash of dates with NLC's concert. Consideration to be given to provision of teas & coffee at this event to fundraise for PTA.

**Correspondence** – No new correspondence

**Treasurer's Report** – Fiona reported that funds were in hand following the success of the Christmas Raffle

**School Matters** – Robert advised the following:

- Staff
  - Claire Kelly has been appointed as job share PT of Drama
  - Donna Spence is Acting PT of Pupil Support
  - A vacancy exists in Chemistry – a supply teacher is in post meantime and the advert closes on 20 February.
  - Ruby Davidson (DHT) is to retire at Easter after a long period of service to the school (and a few postponements of her retiral date)
  - Staffing in HE and Modern Languages is subject to review of staffing levels by NLC
- Auditions are due to take place for the school show which will be Hairspray (to be performed in October as usual)
- Choral Shield will return to Civic Theatre on 25 and 26 June 2012. Marc Fleming is in charge of arrangements for this year. Cast numbers will revert back to levels of previous years prior to use of SECC.
- Shona Robison – Minister for Commonwealth Games & Sport – is due in school on 21 February 2012 to launch the new Sports Hub at Dalziel High. This is an initiative to encourage people to participate in sport and make use of the facilities in the school. It will also encourage local sports facilities eg rowing, bowling etc.

- For the first time, an S5/6 prelim diet was arranged and this passed smoothly, S5/6 parents' evening is on 23 February.
- The S1 Parents' Information evening was held on 17 January to discuss curriculum to be followed by S1 for the curriculum for excellence and to explain the changes to the examinations. S1 reports are due for issue on 7 March with Parents' evening on 14 March. A full discussion was held at the PTA regarding CoE and concern was expressed about:
  - the lack of CoE information on the school website
  - "pigeon-holing" children into National 4 or 5 at an early stage
- Robert agreed to look at information to be provided on the website and explained that there would be some degree of movement between national 4 and 5 classes.
- One of the downstairs Social Education classes suffered smoke damage but has now been refurbished and is back in use. NLC are providing grilles to the windows of these basement classes to prevent future vandalism.
- NLC have contributed £20,000 to the conversion of the design lab into another computer room and work is now complete.
- Dalziel High School War Memorial Trust are having a fundraising dinner on Friday 11 May 2012 at the Alona Hotel to raise funds for the upkeep of Dalziel Park. Information is available from the school.
- It is intended to repeat the sponsored walk that was initiated last year. There are plans to include S1-S4 in this event and the date is Friday 8 June. Parents are welcome to attend to assist with stewarding, accompanying children, handing out bottled water etc. More information from Mr Birch or Mrs Donnachie
- Personalisation choice booklets are out for some year groups and about to be issued for others. Pupils (and parents) are encouraged to contact pupil support staff and Depute Heads for advice.
- Customer Service Excellence Award – Jaclyn Lennon issued copies of the Customer Service Excellence Award Assessment Report. This was an excellent assessment and all staff and pupils are to be congratulated on the award which is testament to the good working relationship between staff and pupils. The one "area for improvement" highlighted in the report was a suggestion for lamination of posters/installation of digital photo boards. A glass display case has since been installed.

**Choral Shield donation** – the PTA usually donates money to each of the houses to assist with the costs of costumes etc for the Choral Shield. Last year we donated £200 to each house as the cast numbers and expenses were higher at the SECC. Robert Birch will discuss likely requirements with staff and the amount of donation will be agreed at the next PTA meeting.

**PTA Quiz** – the annual PTA quiz is planned for Monday 11 June. Robert will check availability of quiz master.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 March 2012 and will be the AGM. Dominic Farr and the music department normally organise entertainment for this event but Robert will check if this is possible due to timing of practical exams.

Margaret thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.