

DALBEATTIE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

29TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Lyn Burgess (Chairperson), Susan McLellan (Vice Chair), Ian Clark (Treasurer), Ashley Little (Clerk), Susan Bain (Headteacher), Jill McDonald, Marion Gourley, Andrea Irving, Carolyn Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Ella McLellan, Stephen Howie, Alasdair Gaston, Rebecca Kellett, Stuart McCulloch, Maureen McCulloch and Councillor, Davie Stitt.

Welcome and Introductions:

Lyn opened the meeting and thanked everyone for staying on after the Parent Council meeting.

Apologies: Councillors Ian Blake and Rob Davidson.

Matters Arising:

Previous AGM: 29th September 2009.
No Matters Arising.

Minutes of Last AGM:

Approved: Ian Clark Seconded: Carolyn Kennedy

Treasurers Report:

Annual accounts information as follows:		
Balance brought forward from 01/04/09		£419.51
Add income		
D&G Council funding	£641.15	
Bank Interest	0.95	<u>£642.10</u>
Total		£1061.61
Less Expenditure		
Clerks Honorarium	£150.00	
Postages etc	£126.08	
SPTC Sub & Insurance	£98.00	<u>£374.08</u>
Balance 31/03/10		£687.53

Since the financial year end we have had expenditure of approx £250. Members of the Parent Council have agreed that the remaining money will be left in the account to use in the following year.

Social and Fundraising Report:

The group have held 2 fundraisers since the last AGM. The Easter Charity Shop raised £320.50 and the Christmas Craft Fayre raised £294.36. The Group currently have £1356.29 in their account. The money will go towards a new Trophy Cabinet and also a new PTA Cup.

Headteachers Report:

Discussion on SQA Analysis for 2010

Points included:- S5 Highers similar to previous years which is very good. S6 Advanced Highers improved on previous years.

S4 – one year course in new curriculum structure. Level 4 and 5 (General and Credit) not as high as in previous years. In depth analysis into this found that there is not one particular reason but a number of reasons. Many strategies in place to increase the number of young people gaining level 4 or 5.

The group were issued with papers on:

Rearranged Management Structure.

Improvement Plan (High Level).

Consultation paper on the 6 priorities from the Improvement Plan.

Calendar of Monitoring Activities as part of Quality Assurance within the School.

Working Groups to assist in addressing the Improvement Priorities.

House Councils and Student Body Representation.

Other points that were raised:-

New School – Member of a Project Board who are in the early days of gathering information and looking to the New School.

Budget Constraints – Voluntary Retirement.

Staffing Issues – New Staff.

New Senior School Ties designed – one from each House in S6 were voted on, now the Students are wearing them.

School Prom – Mid June – Fundraising ideas for this were discussed.

P6/7/S1 Halloween Party 27th October.

S1-S6 Halloween disco 28th October.

Number of Trips – Geography Field visit Mon – Wed this week.

Cadbury World – Ms Young with Bus Management Class.

DofE – Mr Bremner Bronze group 2 weeks ago overnight.

S1 Residential to Edinburgh visiting Scottish Parliament staying in Hostel.

Drama Excursion to Black Watch in Glasgow.

Allotments (NHS and School – bid going in to Big Lottery Funding – Develop Dalbeattie

Allotment will take place on 8th October at 10.00am at Gardenhill Health Centre Castle

Douglas, meeting room 2 – Big Lottery funding up to £10,000.

Int Links Committee are applying to the British Council for the £2k funding.

Sports equipment has been delivered to Malawi.

Similarly, as part of the push for the Green Flag eco school status we need to involve/inform the wider community so it would be ideal for some of our S6 eco Group kids to come and present to the PTA with ideas, info and probably requests for assistance/involvement.

Previous AGM Minutes – Helicopter. Concern about taking off and landing when school pupils in grounds or in the building.

Electrical fault in the Music Hut – fire engines – correct action taken. Minor smoke damage due to prompt action of staff.

Chairpersons Report:

Interviews – Involved in several teaching appointments.

Involvement – All School meetings, Sub Groups, Social and Fundraising, School Uniforms, Charity Events etc, Lyn said a big thank you to everyone who was involved.

Interest – We are all here because we want the best for kids. It is very important that the parent forum continues.

All members said thank you to Lyn for her duties as Chairperson over the past 2 years as she is retiring from the post tonight.

Selection of Parent Council Members Including Office Bearers:

Minimum required – **4** members – Maximum – **10** Members.

Can also have a maximum of **5** members who are not parent/carers.

At least **1** member from Sub Groups has to be an active member of the Parent Council.

A discussion was held on selection of Parent Council and Office Bearers.

Members are as follows:

Robert Kennedy, Carolyn Kennedy, Stuart McCulloch, Ella McLellan, Susan McLellan, Marion Gouley, Stephen Howie and Maureen McCulloch.

Non-Parent/Carer Members:

Councillors Davie Stitt, Ian Blake and Rob Davidson.

Position of Office Bearers:

Chairperson – Rebecca Kellett Vice Chair – Alasdair Gaston

Treasurer – Ian Clark

Social and Fundraising Sub Group:

Marion Gourley, Maureen McCulloch, Jill McDonald, Sharon Scott, Lynn Wilson and Carolyn Kennedy.

Format of Future Meetings:

This is to be put on the next Parent Council meeting agenda to be discussed.

A.O.B:

Nothing to report.

Dates of Future Meetings:

Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7pm.

Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7pm

Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7pm.

Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 7pm.

Tuesday 14th June 2011 at 7pm.

Tuesday 20th September 2011 at 7pm.