

them in September.

Mr Mein attended a conference in Edinburgh where he met with other colleagues and students from Malawi.

Social and Fundraising:

Sweatshirts have been ordered for the new student intake this year. The Group were wondering if the prices would still be the same. Volunteers for the P7 information evening were discussed at the last meeting.

After the success of last year, a date has been set for this years Christmas Craft Fair. It will be held on 13th November 2009.

1. **Headteachers Report:** -

1. SQA Examinations are almost finished. The last date is Thursday 11th June.
2. SQA Markers. Under regulations, staff do mark some of the exam papers, but never their own students.
3. Staffing. Mr Shearer will be the new History/Modern Studies teacher. He will start with the new school term on 17th August. The post for Maths has been re advertised for a probationer. English, Drama and Mandarin, these posts will be filled with probationary teachers also.
4. CPD days. The council arranges these days to try and keep professions in contact.
5. Working Groups. Mr Williamson has met with staff to put the Mobile Phone Policy in place, along with any volunteers who are joining the Sub Group.
6. Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Plan are being worked on at present.
7. Debating Competition on 13/05/09. The S3 pupils performed well in Dumfries.
8. P6 Science day was held in Dalbeattie High School on 22/05/09.
9. Schools Community Police Officer, Constable Bradley met up the the Stewartry Headteachers on 26/05/09 to discuss how to explain to pupils that the police are not a threat and that they are there to help.
10. A Curriculum for Excellence S2 Movie Makers presentation at Burns Film Centre in Dumfries on 27/05/09 was a successful night. Mrs Lynch headed this up. There was also Parents/Carers there too.
11. School Estate Public meeting was held in Dalbeattie Town Hall on 28/05/09.
12. All Schools were closed on Monday 01/06/09 to help staff get involved in the Curriculum for Excellence.
13. Formula Schools. This was held on 02/06/09. headed by Mr Orr, it was a great success. It was reported on Border News.
14. New Timetable. The Students started this on 02/06/09.
15. Cluster Schools held a meeting on 08/06/09.
16. S5/S6 Information evening was a good night although not many Parents/Carers from S5 pupils turned up.
17. German Pupils visited Dalbeattie High School on 09/06/09.

1. **Pupil Council Report:** -

Members of the Pupil Council were not able to attend the meeting. However, Mr Wallace told the Parent Council that the Pupil Council had been involved in meeting candidates for

the recent posts. They were also at the Town Hall meeting regarding the School Estate.

2. **All Through School:** -

A lengthy discussion was held on this subject. Lyn spoke about how things are becoming more confusing as time goes on about the School Estate. She asked if Parents/Carers were really aware of what was going on and the implications. There are new proposals coming out now that have 7 options for Parents/Carers to choose from rather than the original 3 options.

Time is closing in fast as work on the new School Build is hopefully due to start in 2010 but no solid decisions have been reached yet. Consultation is potentially ongoing, with the revised questionnaire due to be distributed and returned before the end of term.

The group agreed this is about the future of education in Dalbeattie, and is really important to get the right information to parents/carers and the community.

Lyn is to respond to Rhona Wells regarding the questionnaire and write to Colin Grant, Director of Education, on behalf of the Parent Council.

1. **Liason with Parent Forum:** -

P7 Parents/Carers are to get leaflets about the Parent Council and hopefully the next newsdesk will go out before the end of term.

1. **A.O.B:** -

No other business to discuss.

1. **Date of next meeting:** -

Tuesday 8th September.

Lyn said thanks to all who attended the meeting.