

The Parent Council of Denny High School

Parent Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 7th March at 6.30pm

In Attendance: Debbie Kirkwood (DK) (Chair), Paul Dunn (PD) (HT), Mandy Hancock (MH) (Secretary), Alf Kelly (Councillor), Lorna Muirhead (LM), Kathleen McNiven (KMcN)

Apologies: Joanne Paterson (JP) (DHT), Linda Passmore (LP) (Treasurer),

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PD opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PARENT COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

PD confirmed that previous monies from the old DHS account have now been transferred to the new bank account with the Treasurer details updated to Linda Passmore.

PD will send new account details to the Falkirk Council Finance team for monies to be backdated. As discussed previously at the last Parent Council meeting, a Payment was agreed to STEM for £50, MH and DK signed a cheque for monies to be paid.

DP advised that LP was looking to set-up e-banking for the school account.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Local Authority Budget – there is currently a consultation taking place at Falkirk Council for the bi-metric plan (looking to extend 4 x school days Mon-Thur with a half day on a Friday). A presentation was currently being compiled with FAQs. A discussion was held on how this would impact FTE and Pupils at DHS.

4. SQA EXAMS – MAXIMISE MARCH

Joanne Paterson and David Nairn are managing SQA. JP will soon be sending an email out to Parents regarding Easter School classes for Pupils to sign up to.

PD advised that the raising attainment sessions (supported study) runs every night (62 sessions per week). Feedback was that 85% of pupils find these sessions helpful. Pupils will shortly get a timetable of their immersion days and exam timetable.

5. FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS

Four events have been held this term, some have been targeted to certain audiences and others are an open invitation. At times sign-up has been high with fewer folk turning up to the event.

6. STAFFING UPDATES

Four staff are due to go off on Maternity leave. The school continues to face staffing issues with regards to Sciences, English and Maths. PD confirmed that priority would be given to senior pupils leading up to exams.

7. AOCB

KMcN circulated information from St Andrews First Aid with details of funding for schools for named 'Ready for life'. This was aimed at emergency first aid at work and mental health awareness (for Seniors) funding was available for 20 schools in Falkirk. PD will investigate further.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 1830.