

MINUTES OF DUNBAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 13 June 2012

Present:

Iain MacKenzie (Chair)	Paul McLennan (Councillor)
Kate Darrah (Parent)	
Julia Dorin (Parent)	Alice Clubb (Staff)
Kate Triscott (Parent)	Gillian Williams (Staff)

Attending:

Mr P Raffaelli (Headteacher), Mrs L Leslie (Clerk)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Iain MacKenzie welcomed members. Apologies had been received from Karen Baikie, Sally Brown, Susan Guy-Inglis and Diane Watt.

2. Additional Agenda Item

Kate Darrah asked that the Senior Induction be added to agenda.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 23rd May 2012 were approved and proposed by Kate Triscott and seconded by Julia Dorin.

4. Headteacher's Report

Mr Raffaelli reported on the following items:-

Item 1 – New Management Structure

The interview for PT Curriculum Mathematics had taken place and Alice Clubb had been appointed. The new management structure was now in place.

Item 2 – Curriculum for Excellence

The Curriculum Group would be meeting on Tuesday 19th June and would be discussing S3 Profiling.

Item 3 – Activities Week

The new venue for the S1 trip to Dalguise had been a success, allowing the opportunity to take the whole year group away together. The students had been engaged in a full range of activities.

There had been a positive response to the S2 home programme which had an Olympics theme this year.

The S3 Battlefields trip was very successful, and one of our students, Niall Harding, played the bagpipes phenomenally well at an official ceremony at the Menin Gate. Fraser Parkinson, Principal of Behavioural Support at East Lothian Council joined the staff attending the trip.

Item 4 – Olympic Rich Task

A very successful whole school Olympic Rich Task had taken place. Despite the inclement weather an Olympic-style torch toured Dunbar, there was an opening ceremony and a whole range of activities taking place around Dunbar.

Item 5 – Senior Induction and New Timetable

There was a discussion around the programme for the senior induction and also the end of the old and start of the new timetable.

Item 6 – Head Boy/Girl Results

After a series of voting and long and short leet interviews Mr Raffaelli was able to announce the new team:

Head Boy – Dominic Mayo with deputies – Kieran Simants and Scott Souness.

Head Girl – Rebekah McClintick with deputies – Rachel Craig and Rosemary Wilson.

Iain MacKenzie would invite Dominic and Rebekah to attend future DGSC meetings.

Action IM

Item 7 – Monitoring and Tracking

The survey had been sent to students and staff and a revised parent/carer survey would be delayed until next session with a draft put before DGSC for discussion before issuing.

Action PR

Item 8 – P7 Parents' Information Evening

Mr Raffaelli thanked Carol Dunham and Kate Triscott for attending the evening to promote the DGSC and the 200 Club to new parents and carers.

5. DGSA Report

There was no report.

6. Treasurer's Report

The balance of the 200 Club account stood at £433.06 once uncleared cheques had been deducted. The winner for 200 Club draw of £100 for June, was number 17 - Mr Raffaelli, who donated the winnings to the 200 Club.

7. Requests for Funding

A request for £300 for whole school literacy in regard to Accelerated Reader was discussed and approved.

8. Teacher's Report

Gillian Williams reported that the Duke of Edinburgh equipment had been in use with 33 bronze expedition students recently and there were 24 silver and 14 gold expedition students about to take trips in the coming weeks.

9. Correspondence

Emails had been forwarded to members since the last meeting regarding:

New Qualifications – May Update – Parents and Carers:

New guide available to parents and carers at www.sga.org.uk/cfeformparents

An Update from the National Parent Forum of Scotland:

[http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/publications/c/publication_tcm4721654.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-713590-64%20\)&dm_t=0,0,0,0](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/publications/c/publication_tcm4721654.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-713590-64%20)&dm_t=0,0,0,0)

CfE Implementation Plan 2012-13:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/publications/c/publication_tcm4721651.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-713590-64&dm_t=0,0,0,0

Accompanying Letter from Bill Maxwell, Chair of CfE Implementation Group:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/publications/c/publication_tcm4721677.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-713590-64&dm_t=0,0,0,0

NPFS Newsletter:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/NPFSNewsletterMayJune2012_tcm4-720987.pdf?dm_t=0,0,0,0

Carol Snow, Representative for East Lothian National Parent Forum:

The Languages Report of the Scottish Government's Languages Working Group
www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/3670/0

10. AOCB

Item 1 - ELPC

Julia Dorin attended the East Lothian Parent Council meeting on 6 June. There had been a discussion about low teacher morale in schools since the introduction of the new management structure and how parents could get across to teachers their support and gratitude for the work they do. There was also a discussion about how to encourage more parents and carers to get involved in school life.

Item 2 – Councillor Michael Veitch

Mrs Leslie would invite Councillor Michael Veitch to the next DGSC meeting and add his email to the Parent Council distribution list.

Action LL

Item 3 – Gift for Staff

Kate Triscott would buy chocolates for staff as an end of year thank you for their hard work.

Action KT

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting and AGM was agreed as Wednesday 12 September 2012, the AGM starting at 6.30pm and the meeting at 7.00pm.