

# Dalry School Council

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
7.30pm  
Dalry School

## Meeting Notes

**Present:** A Ramsay (Chair): J Smith, K Nash, Y Peacock: M McGaw: L Wright, A Bielinski, J Lawrie, J McTurk : Cllr Carson and M Jones (Clerk)

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1.	<b>Welcome</b>  Andrea welcomed Cllr Carson and all members present and gave thanks for attending	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies had been received from R Peace: C Green: D Finlay & N Grieve	
3.	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b>  The Minutes for January 2015 were proposed by A Bielinski , seconded by J McTurk and were duly adopted.	

4.	<p><b>School Update</b>  Prior to the Parent Council Meeting Jenny Smith had held a Parent Information Evening providing parents with an update on the school's secondary curriculum. A leaflet was given to each parent and members of the Parent Council outlining the way ahead , for example:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What we really learn in school – ICT, Health &amp; Wellbeing, Literacy, Numeracy, Leadership, Problem solving, working with others and Communication.</li> <li>• An Overview of the Broad General Education provided for S1-S3, the Senior Phase for S4 in 2016 and for S5/6 in 2017 onwards.</li> <li>• Subjects on offer in the Senior Phase</li> </ul> <p>Jenny then went on to advise that there had been extensive use of the school by pupils involved in after school activities. She also advised that the Hot Water boiler had broken down but that a replacement is on its way and will be installed shortly.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Consultation Process Update-</b> Andrea confirmed that the meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> February had gone ahead as planned. She confirmed that she had gone through the options discussed by the Parent Council but did not get any conclusion.</p> <p>It had been agreed that there needed to be more research as to why pupil numbers had dropped off – was it because classes finished at S4 ?</p> <p>Jenny assured members that the school will work with either model and it would not make any difference to the way the school operated.</p> <p>It was agreed that whilst the current status quo was not acceptable to the Authority there was a need to tread carefully. There are two main factors to take into consideration – Financial viability and Education sensibility. It was agreed that we need to be proactive in any proposed changes to the school status. Cllr Carson indicated that as a Parent Council it would be appropriate for us to formulate a package to be placed before the Council and accordingly it was suggested that each member should first look at the Educational Benefit Statement, write down their own ideas and thereafter come together to formulate agreed proposals. To this end a separate meeting is to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
6	<p><b>Matters arising from Parent Forum</b> – there were no matters raised.</p>	
7	<p><b>Any other Business</b> – there was no other business to be discussed.</p>	
8	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> – this is to be confirmed  Meeting finished at 8.30pm</p>	
