

# Friends of Maud School Parent Council

## Minutes

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

John Curno (Chair), Louise Cran (Treasurer), Louise Bisset (Secretary), Kath O'Connor, Carol Fleming, Louise Catto, Cat Anderson, Sonia Will, Mrs Moir, Miss White, Mrs McManus, Miss Portsmouth, Mrs McCue, Mrs Steel, Vicki Brown

### 1. Welcome

John welcomed.

### 2. Apologies

Kenny Westmacott (Vice Chair), Veronica Thomson, Helen Ritchie, Lynne Adams, David Wilson, Katie Fordyce, Jennifer Gray

### 3. Minutes from the last meeting

Louise B summarised the minutes from the last meeting and were approved – nominated by Carol and seconded by Mrs Steel.

### 4. Treasurers Report

The current balance is £1220.93 but with 2 cheques still to bank so the balance is £1103.17. All the ceilidh expenses have been paid and the raffle books for the coffee evening purchased. It is hoped the coffee evening will increase our funds.

### 5. Burns Ceilidh

Ticket sales were £442, income from raffle, donations and win the whiskey was £191.33. Less expenses we raised £77.87. It was suggested that next year we look at child portions, which may save costs and reduce waste. Servers this year already took children's orders so it was thought that it could be managed.

### 6. Mental Health Awareness Week

Vicki Brown discussed the conversation café which is held every other week at the Resource Centre, however they are planning one at the school instead. They are designed to get people together, especially in such a rural environment, and give people a chance to meet. They have had arts and singing groups from the community and there was a lot to be said about it. They also make money and she wanted to know if the Parent Council wanted to get involved in promoting it and use it to raise some funds.

The date would be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May and is being held at school from 9.30 to 11.30. It was thought that there could be stalls for those interested but at least anything remaining from the coffee evening could be sold. The School are keen to make it a success and it was agreed the Parent Council would promote it where they can. It would be good to see as many parents as possible come along.

### 7. School Improvement Progress

Mrs McCue and Mrs Steel discussed how the School has a plan each year and this year has seen a lot on rights and respects, house points system and active literacy. The School is now hoping to get input from parents and the best way to do this.

The plan is ongoing and the council also have input on what focuses there might be. The usual questionnaire would be going out and parents should put as much explanation as possible, especially if they want to remain anonymous.

Parents are encouraged to bring anything to the school, whether comments on what is being done, what they would like improved, suggestions from other settings, etc. The suggestion box can be used, or the post box by the door (in a labelled envelope).

It was suggested that perhaps parents could be given/shown what has been said previously, just some small phrases which caught the schools eye, so they would know what the School was expecting. Also may be put some comments sheets out at the coffee evening and conversation café. It was hoped people who don't usually respond could be encouraged.

The School will consider all suggestions, but not all will be appropriate to actually put in the current plan as the topics are dependent on many factors.

#### **8. Coffee Evening**

There have been lots of interest in the stalls. Some raffle prizes had been received and it was suggested face to face with businesses might be more beneficial, when you can ensure they know their business will be promoted. A few other businesses were also suggested.

There was a small amount of discussion about stalls etc but the file needed to be studied more and the office bearers would be need to sort this. (After the meeting Louise B, Louise C and Kath arranged to meet the next day.)

#### **9. AOB**

Carol said the previous disco was a great success. She pointed out that the end of term meeting would be her last and she needed someone to take over. The discos are easy to arrange with contacts etc. all made. She is to give the School an outline of what is required in the hope someone would be lest daunted to take on the running of the disco. The PC will also spread the word. John thanked Carol for all her hard work.

#### **10. Date for next meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 6.30pm