

# Friends of Maud School Parent Council

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## AGM

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Present:** Louise Muir (Joint Chair), Christine Wood (Joint Chair), Katie Fordyce (Secretary), Mrs Steel, Mrs McCue, Miss Buchan, Cat Anderson, Kath O'Connor, Mrs Sutton, Donna Sutherland, Louise Cran, Sarah McQuaid, Catherine Moran, Joyce Dalgarno, John Curno

**Apologies:** Lynne Pirie (Treasurer)

### Introduction:

Louise welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the minutes of last year's AGM. These were approved by Christine Wood and seconded by Louise Cran.

### Head Teachers report:

We are delighted to be reunited as a school community after the lockdown. Coming back has been a stressful time, with lots of planning, re-planning and planning all over again! We are delighted that most of the procedures that have been put into place are working well but we also look forward to making any necessary adjustments in consultation with the staff team for term 2. Only after living in the 'new normal' have we been able to fully assess how our procedures work in a practical sense.

We are pleased that most of our pupils have shown great resilience in coming back to school. Returning after such a long time away is understandably daunting for both children, parents and staff but the majority of our children have been fabulous! However, we are seeing pockets of children who have forgotten how to play, talk to adults (who are not their parents!) and class teachers are working on this to support those children who are taking a little more time to re-adjust.

Staffing for this session is as follows;

P1/2 - Miss McWilliam

P3/4 - Miss Buchan

P4/5 - Miss Walker

P6 – Mrs Sutton

P7 – Miss Simpson

We are also delighted to have been able to keep Miss Lawson on our staff team and she provides NCCT (non class contact time) to our teachers. She is also supporting with some aspects of nurture, school developments and team teaching during the week.

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We are still advised by the Scottish Government to have no parents/visitors in the building. We are hoping for some changes soon but in the meantime, we endeavour to maintain an element of home-school link by continuing class assemblies and sharing the learning through Seesaw.

Our School priorities this session are;

Health and Wellbeing – more important than ever. Post covid recovery, emotions, regulations, coping strategies, basic social skills, learning how to interact, play and talk appropriately to others again etc.

Recovery of numeracy and literacy.

We look forward to seeing how the session progresses and look forward to updating you on any new procedures as and when they happen.

Please feel free to share any good ideas that you may have going forward in terms of parental engagement during these 'different' times! As always, we look forward to working with you once again and leading our school community to be the best we can be.

## **Treasurers report:**

The accounts show that as per the bank statement at the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 we finished the school year with a balance of £949.32. I've got all the bank statements, deposits and receipts so if anyone has any questions please just ask.

My end of year report would normally be saying "we've had a busy year again" but obviously as with everything in the past 6 months it has been very different.

The Coffee Evening is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year but of course we were not able to go ahead with it. We did have plans to change the format this year, making it an extravaganza and involve the classes with crafts but unfortunately COVID had other ideas.

We were very lucky that a few fundraising activities took place earlier in the year:

- At the Christmas Fayre our chocolate tombola made exactly £100.00
- Our Lucky Squares to win the Amazon bundle did really well making a profit of £508.01
- The very few school discos that managed to go ahead made a profit of £130.48, so thank you to the ladies who ran them.
- The sell-out Burns Ceilidh also did better than in previous years making a profit of £312.02

So what has the money been spent on:-

- We provided the Christmas presents and food for the kids Christmas parties
- Leavers hoodies for the P7s
- Leaving gifts for members of staff

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We expect that fundraising will have to take a different route this year so we will be looking for any new ideas. With this in mind, we finish the 2019/20 year in a position to be able to hand over a cheque for £400 to the school.

## **Election of Committee:**

As nobody volunteered for the roles and given the current climate, all previous committee members agreed to continue for the next year. However, this will be the last year and a whole new committee will be required at the next AGM. Therefore, the Parent Council for this year is as follows:

**Joint Chair – Louise Muir** – nominated by Mrs McCue and seconded by Mrs Steel  
**Christine Wood** – nominated by Louise Muir and seconded by Mrs McCue  
**Treasurer – Lynne Pirie** – nominated by Louise Muir and seconded by Katie Fordyce  
**Secretary – Katie Fordyce** – nominated by Joyce Dalgarno and seconded by Christine Wood.

A discussion was held about Class representatives and whether or not it was felt if they were required this year. Mrs McCue believes that there is still a role for them and that they could still work at a distance. It was felt that if parents have any concerns/issues that they might feel more comfortable approaching a parent rather than going straight to school. It was therefore agreed that Parent Representatives for each class would continue and the following parents volunteered to take on this role:

**P1/2 – Donna Sutherland**  
**P3/4 –**  
**P4/5 – Cat Anderson**  
**P6 – Kath O'Connor**  
**P7 – Georgie Curno**

We thank these parents who volunteered for these roles, however as you can see, we still require a parent for the P3/4 class – if this is something you are happy to do, then please get in touch with the school or any member of the Parent Council, thank you.

## **Fundraising:**

As you can imagine, fundraising will be very different this year. Suggestions were sought as to the different ways that we could do this. These include:

- I'm a celebrity get me out of here – where you back one of the contestants to win by paying a fee and then if your celeb wins – you win some of the money/prize etc  
Kath knows the person who runs a similar one for The Great British Bake Off and will happily put us in touch with her for advice on how to run this successfully.
- Family Quiz – Kath mentioned the success that was had by the quiz nights held by Maud Social Club in lockdown over a Facebook live and wondered if this would be something that we could do.
- Scratch Card bundles – these were extremely popular when Cat raffled these previously.

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- Scarecrow competition – Scarecrows have appeared all over Ellon as one of the schools is doing this like a treasure hunt – suggested that this is something we could replicate in Maud for Halloween.
- Christmas Window Competition – either a trail with letters hidden in the window to find a hidden word or an entry fee and a prize for the best decorated window. Again, another activity to keep children entertained and excited like the Halloween idea.

Mrs McCue informed us that the school are planning a virtual Macmillan Coffee morning. Last year's one was so successful and the P7's always enjoy organising and running this yearly event. The plan is to try and get the community involved as much as possible by offering snack boxes and for people to join virtually. The Café have agreed to help with this and the plan is for everyone to order their boxes and collect at an agreed location and join in by having a cuppa and sharing pictures of this.

Any other ideas for any fundraising options are very welcome, so please just let us know.

## **Date for next meeting:**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.** This will again be organised through teams, so please remember and let the school know if you wish to be included when the time comes. Thank you.